

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Availability of SBA Draft Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2008–2012 and Request for Public Comment**

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Small Business Administration's draft Strategic Plan. The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 requires that Federal agencies update their strategic plans every three years and, in doing so, solicit the views and suggestions of those entities potentially affected by or interested in the plan. Therefore, the Agency is interested in receiving comments on our draft Strategic Plan. **DATES:** Comments must be received by September 10, 2007. If comments are received late, we will consider them to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: To access the draft strategic plan, go to http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/budgetplans/serv_budget_strategicplan.html. You can provide your comments on-line through the Web site or by e-mail to Performancereports@sba.gov. If you wish to send written comments or have any questions, please direct them to: Gordon Goeke, U.S. Small Business Administration, Strategic Plan Comments, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, 409 Third Street, SW., Suite 6000, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gordon Goeke, Financial Specialist, Office of Chief Financial Officer, (202) 205-6449.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Government Performance and Results Act requires that each Federal agency update their strategic plan every three years, (5 U.S.C. 306), and submit their plan to the Congress. This draft Strategic Plan describes our mission, strategic goals, objectives, and means and strategies to achieve those goals. To access the draft strategic plan, go to http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/budgetplans/serv_budget_strategicplan.html. For those who may not have Internet access, a paper copy can be requested from the contact point, Gordon Goeke.

Public Participation Policy

It is the policy of the Agency to ensure that public participation is an integral and effective part of SBA activities and that decisions are made with the benefit of significant public perspectives. The Agency recognizes the

many benefits to be derived from public participation for both stakeholders and SBA. Public participation provides a means for SBA to gather a diverse collection of opinions, perspectives, and values from the broadest spectrum possible, enabling the Agency to make more informed decisions. Likewise, public participation benefits stakeholders by creating an opportunity to provide input on decisions that affect their communities and our nation.

We anticipate publishing the final SBA Strategic Plan on September 28, 2007, and making it available on the Internet at that time.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 306.

Dated: August 21, 2007.

Jennifer E. Main,
Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 5903]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-156, Nonimmigrant Visa Application, OMB Control Number 1405-0018

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Nonimmigrant Visa Application.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0018.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA/VO).
- *Form Number:* DS-156.
- *Respondents:* Nonimmigrant visa applicants.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,000,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 12,000,000.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 1 hour.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 12,000,000 hours per year.
- *Frequency:* Once per respondent.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from August 27, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the

Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:*
Katherine_T_Astrich@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

- *Fax:* 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Lauren Prosnik of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E. Street, NW., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663-2951.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond,

Abstract of Proposed Collection

Form DS-156 is completed by aliens seeking nonimmigrant visas to the U.S. The Department will use the DS-156 to elicit information necessary to determine an applicant's visa eligibility.

Methodology

The DS-156 is completed by applicants online or, in exceptional circumstances, applicants may submit a paper application to posts abroad. The applicant prints the application and a 2-D barcode. When the applicant appears at the interview the barcode is scanned and the information electronically received.

Dated: August 6, 2007.

Stephen A. Edson,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5885]

Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation will meet in the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street NW., Washington, DC, September 24-25, 2007, in Conference Room 1498. Prior notification and a valid government-issued photo ID (such as driver's license, passport, U.S. government or military ID) are required for entrance into the building. Members of the public planning to attend must notify Steven Galpern, Office of the Historian (202-663-1130) no later than September 20, 2007 to provide date of birth, valid government-issued photo identification number and type (such as driver's license number/state, passport number/country, or U.S. government ID number/agency or military ID number/branch), and relevant telephone numbers. If you cannot provide one of the enumerated forms of ID, please consult with Steven Galpern for acceptable alternative forms of picture identification.

The Committee will meet in open session from 1:30 p.m. through 3 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2007, in the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, NW., Washington, DC, in Conference Room 1498, to discuss declassification and transfer of Department of State records to the National Archives and Records Administration and the status of the *Foreign Relations* series. The remainder of the Committee's sessions from 3:15 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2007, and 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, will be closed in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). The agenda calls for discussions of agency declassification decisions concerning the *Foreign Relations* series and other declassification issues. These are matters not subject to public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and the public interest requires that such activities be withheld from disclosure.

Questions concerning the meeting should be directed to Marc J. Susser, Executive Secretary, Advisory

Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, Department of State, Office of the Historian, Washington, DC, 20520, telephone (202) 663-1123, (e-mail history@state.gov).

Dated: August 13, 2007.

Marc Susser,

Executive Secretary, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5859]

International Security Advisory Board (ISAB) Meeting Notice; Closed Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app 2 § 10(a)(2), the Department of State announces a meeting of the International Security Advisory Board (ISAB) to take place on October 1, 2007, at the Department of State, Washington, DC.

Pursuant to section 10 (d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app 2 § 10 (d), and to 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(1), it has been determined that this Board meeting will be closed to the public in the interest of national defense and foreign policy because the Board will be reviewing and discussing matters classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958.

The purpose of the ISAB is to provide the Department with a continuing source of independent advice on all aspects of arms control, disarmament and international security, and related aspects of public diplomacy. The agenda for this meeting will include classified discussions related to the Board's ongoing studies on current U.S. policy and issues regarding international security and nuclear proliferation.

For more information, contact Brandy Buttrick, Deputy Executive Director of the International Security Advisory Board, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, telephone: (202) 647-9336.

Dated: August 14, 2007.

George W. Look,

Executive Director, International Security Advisory Board, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2007 29076]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before October 26, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Murray Bloom, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-5164; or e-mail: Murray.Bloom@dot.gov. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Part 380, Subpart B—Application for Designation of Vessels as American Great Lakes Vessels.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0521.

Form Numbers: None.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from the date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Summary of Collection of Information: In accordance with Public Law 101-624, the Secretary of Transportation issued requirements for the submission of applications for designation of vessels as American Great Lakes Vessels. Owners who wish to have this designation must certify that their vessel(s) meets certain criteria established in 46 CFR part 380.

Need and Use of the Information: Application is mandated by statute to establish that a vessel meets statutory criteria for obtaining the benefits of eligibility to carry preference cargoes.

Description of Respondents:

Shipowners of merchant vessels.

Annual Responses: One response.

Annual Burden: 1.25 hours.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also