

was licensed by the Small Business Administration on June 12, 1964.

Under the authority vested by the Act and pursuant to the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the surrender was accepted on May 3, 1995 and accordingly, all rights, privileges, and franchises derived therefrom have been terminated.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59.011, Small Business Investment Companies)

Dated: May 8, 1995.

Robert D. Stillman,

Associate Administrator for Investment.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 95-020]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking applicants for appointment to membership on the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC). The Committee is a 19-member Federal advisory committee that advises the Coast Guard on matters related to the training, qualification, licensing, certification and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine.

DATES: Membership applications must be received by July 10, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Persons interested in applying for membership on MERPAC may obtain an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MVP-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, or by calling the points of contact in the following paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Barbara Miller, Assistant to the Executive Director, MERPAC, Room 1210, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, (202) 267-0224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MERPAC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) to advise the Coast Guard on merchant marine personnel issues. It consists of 19 members. Eight positions are either vacant or the current appointments will expire in 1995.

Applicants are needed to fill positions requiring the following backgrounds:

(a) Deck Officer (inland/river route);

(b) Engineer Officer (limited chief engineer or designated duty engineer);

(c) Unlicensed seamen (two positions—one Qualified Member of the Engine Department and one Able Bodied Seaman);

(d) Marine Educator (three positions—two persons from State maritime academies and one person from other maritime training institutions); and

(e) General Public (one position).

The membership term is three years. No member may hold more than two consecutive three-year terms.

To achieve the desired balance of membership the Coast Guard is especially interested in receiving applicants from minorities and women. The members of the Committee serve without compensation from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursement and per diem may be provided. The Committee normally meets in Washington, DC, with working group meetings for specific problems on an as required basis.

Applicants may be required to complete an Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (SF 450).

Dated: March 28, 1995.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Acting Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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[CGD 95-043]

Application for Recertification of Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of the application for recertification submitted by the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) for July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996. The application may be reviewed at the PWSRCAC office, 750 W. 2nd Ave., Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501-2168, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (907) 277-4523. The Coast Guard seeks comments on the application from interested groups. The Coast Guard will publish a later notice in the **Federal Register** to notify the public of its decision regarding the recertification request.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 26, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA/3406) (CGD 95-043), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20593-0001, or may be delivered to room 3406 at the same address between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-1477. Comments will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgement of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Janice Jackson, Marine Environmental Protection Division, (202) 267-0500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Oil Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2732) (the Act), the Coast Guard may certify, on an annual basis, an alternative voluntary advisory group in lieu of Regional Citizens' Advisory councils for Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound Alaska. The Coast Guard published guidelines on December 31, 1992, to assist groups seeking recertification under the Act (57 FR 62600). The Coast Guard issued a policy statement on July 7, 1993, (58 FR 36505), to clarify the factors that the Coast Guard would be considering in making its determination as to whether advisory groups should be certified in accordance with the Act; and the procedures which the Coast Guard would follow in meeting its certification responsibilities under the Act.

The Coast Guard has received an application for recertification of PWSRCAC, the currently certified advisory group for the Prince William Sound region. In accordance with the review and certification process contained in the policy statement, the Coast Guard announces the availability of that application. It solicits comments from interested groups including oil terminal facility owners and operators, owners and operators of crude oil tankers calling at the terminal facilities, and fishing, aquacultural, recreational and environmental citizens groups, concerning the recertification application of PWSRCAC. At the conclusion of the comment period, the Coast Guard will review all application

materials and comments received and will take one of the following actions:

(a) Recertify the advisory group under 33 U.S.C. 2732 (o).

(b) Issue a conditional recertification for a period of 90 days, with a statement of any discrepancies which must be corrected to qualify for recertification for the remainder of the year.

(c) Deny recertification of the advisory group if the Coast Guard finds that the group is not broadly representative of the interests and communities in the area or is not adequately fostering the goals and purposes of the Act.

The Coast Guard will notify PWSRCAC by letter of the action taken on its application. A notice will be published in the **Federal Register** to advise the public of the Coast Guard's determination.

Dated: May 5, 1995.

J.C. Card,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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Public Hearings on Impacts of the Proposed Goethals Bridge Project, Staten Island, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Commandant has authorized two public hearings to be held by the Commander, First Coast Guard District at Staten Island, New York and Elizabeth, New Jersey, jointly with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The purpose of these hearings is to consider an application by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for Coast Guard approval of location and plans of a proposed three-lane, fixed, vehicular, bridge project across Arthur Kill, mile 11.5 between Staten Island, New York and Elizabeth, New Jersey, adjacent to the existing Goethals Bridge. The Corps of Engineers approval is needed for placement of fill associated with this project. All interested persons may present data, views and comments, orally or in writing, concerning the impact of the proposed bridge project on navigation and the human environment. Of particular concern at this time is the impact the proposed action will have on the environment.

DATES: The hearings will be held on June 13, 1995 commencing at 3:30 p.m. and June 15, 1995 commencing at 2 p.m.

Final comments for the record must be received by July 14, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed or delivered to Commander (obr), First Coast Guard District, Governors Island, New York, New York 10004-5073. The June 13 hearing will be held at the New Dorp High School, 465 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island, NY. The June 15 hearing will be held at the Elizabeth City Hall, 50 Winfield Scott Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miss Evelyn Smart, Environmental Protection Specialist, First Coast Guard District, Governors Island, New York, New York 10004-5073, (212) 668-7165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed new fixed bridge will be 2171 meters (7123 feet) in length crossing Arthur Kill and Old Place Creek on the Staten Island approach. The proposed structure will provide navigation a minimum vertical clearance of 41.2 meters (135 feet) above Mean High Water and minimum horizontal clearance of 152.4 meters (500 feet) measured normal to the axis of the channel. Two bridge design options, tied-arch and cable-stayed, are being considered for the main bridge span.

The purpose of this project is to improve crossing capacity of the Staten island bridges system to meet present and anticipated future traffic demands. The project is also designed to eliminate the functional obsolescence of current design features on the existing bridge and to improve traffic service. The proposed additional bridge is also intended to improve truck traffic flow and related shipments of goods moved within the metropolitan region.

Consideration of approval of the location and plans for the proposed vehicular bridge is the regulatory action precipitating the Coast Guard's involvement in this project. The Corps of Engineers is involved because of the project need for the placement of fill in the waterway.

The Coast Guard, as Federal lead agency, has determined that this project will have a significant impact on the environment and is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact/4(f) Statement (DEIS). The Corps of Engineers is a cooperating agency.

Alternatives were selected through a screening evaluation process which addressed transportation facility and systems options including: new highway or tunnel crossings; continued use of existing but modified crossing facilities; transit alternatives; freight movement alternatives; HOV alternatives; travel demand management schemes; transportation systems

management and intelligent vehicle highway systems. The DEIS evaluates the No Action alternative and three transportation improvement alternatives: Goethals South crossing; Goethals North crossing; expanded Goethals HOV lane.

Significant environmental impact issues which will be addressed in the DEIS are land use, socioeconomic impacts, archaeological resources, water quality, wetlands, fish and wildlife, coastal zone, navigation, construction, traffic, air and noise, aesthetics, and hazardous materials. Information concerning availability of the DEIS may be obtained from Ms. Evelyn Smart at the phone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The hearings will be informal. Representatives of the Coast Guard and Corps of Engineers will preside, make brief opening statements and announce the procedures to be followed at the hearings. Each person who wishes to make an oral statement should contact Ms. Evelyn Smart at the phone number under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** before the hearing dates. Such notification should include the approximate time needed to make the presentation and the hearing location at which the presentation will be made. Comments previously submitted are a matter of record and need not be resubmitted at the hearings. Speakers are encouraged to provide written copies of their oral statement to the hearing officers at the time and place of the hearings.

Interested persons who are unable to attend either hearing may also participate in the consideration of the proposed project by submitting their written comments by mail to the Commander (obr), First Coast Guard District at the address under **ADDRESSES** by July 14, 1995. Copies of all written communications will be available for review by interested persons after the hearings at the office of the Commander (obr), First Coast Guard District, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Each written comment should identify the proposed project, clearly state the reason for any objections, comments or proposed changes to the plans, and include the name and address of the person or organization submitting the comment. All comments received, whether in writing or presented orally at the public hearings, will be fully considered before final agency action is taken on the proposed bridge permit application.

A transcript of the hearings will be available for public review approximately 30 days after the