

matter areas that afford the participants professional development opportunities and educational enhancement. Areas should focus on, but not be limited to: life jacket wear, safety and security issues, the dangers of carbon monoxide, boating education, vessel safety, as well as boating under the influence of alcohol or a dangerous drug. Point of Contact: Ms. Jo Calkin, (202) 267-0994.

3. State/Federal/Boating Organizations Cooperative Partnering Efforts. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to provide programs to encourage greater participation and uniformity in boating safety efforts. Applicants would provide a forum to encourage greater uniformity of boating laws and regulations, reciprocity among jurisdictions, and closer cooperation and assistance in developing, administering, and enforcing Federal and State laws and regulations pertaining to boating safety. Point of Contact: Ms. Audrey Pickup, (202) 267-0872.

4. Voluntary Standards Development Support. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to carry out a program to encourage active participation by members of the public and other qualified persons in the development of technically sound voluntary safety standards for boats and associated equipment. Point of Contact: Mr. Richard Kanehl, (202) 267-0976.

5. Develop and Conduct Boating Accident Investigation Seminars. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop, provide instructional material, and conduct training courses nationwide for boating accident investigators, including three courses at the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia. Point of Contact: Mr. Rick Gipe, (202) 267-0985.

6. National Estimate of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) Wear Rate. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop a statistically valid national estimate and evaluation of wear rates of PFDs by recreational boaters. Wear rate should be determined by actual observation of boaters. Point of Contact: Mr. Bruce Schmidt, (202) 267-0985.

7. Flotation Foam Study. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to conduct short and long-term testing on marine-rated flotation foam products to include the following: foam chemistry; blowing agents; manufacturing and process control; freeze-thaw cycles; mechanical vibration; biological/bacterial agents; salt/fresh water; and solvents. Point of Contact: Mr. Po Chang, (202) 267-0986.

8. Navigation Lighting on Barges. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to research and analyze the danger posed to recreational boaters by barges, both

under tow and being pushed, under the conditions of reduced visibility. The grantee would provide recommendations for additional lighting or other means to increase the visibility of the barges. Any lighting recommendations must be consistent with Rule 20 of the Navigation Rules (33 U.S.C. 2020), that is, additional lights cannot be mistaken for the lights specified in the Rules and do not impair their visibility or distinctive character. Point of Contact: Mr. Dick Blackman, (202) 267-6810.

9. Propeller Injury Protection. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to conduct a market survey of available propeller injury mitigation technology, access the technical characteristics of each, and prepare a report summarizing available options and the advantages and disadvantages of each in various boating activities such as watersports, fishing, cruising, etc. Point of Contact: Mr. Richard Blackman, (202) 267-6810.

Potential grantees should focus on partnership, *i.e.*, exploring other sources, linkages, in-kind contributions, cost sharing, and partnering with other organizations or corporations. We encourage proposals addressing other boating safety concerns.

Please note: This will be the final year our office will be publishing a notice of availability of funding for national nonprofit public service organizations in the **Federal Register**. Under Department of Homeland Security policy, we will announce future availability of funding electronically, at the Web site: <http://www.grants.gov>. Please visit this Web site for our future announcements.

The Boating Safety Financial Assistance Program is listed in section 97.012 of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

Dated: September 30, 2004.

James W. Underwood,

Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[CGD07-04-114]

Reorganization and Consolidation of The Greater Antilles Section (GANTSEC), Marine Safety Office (MSO) San Juan and Base San Juan

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of organizational change.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the consolidation of The Greater Antilles Section (GANTSEC), Marine Safety Office (MSO) San Juan and Base San Juan into one command, Sector San Juan. The Sector San Juan Commanding Officer will have the authority, responsibility and missions of the Section Commander and Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Office (MSO). The Commanding Officer of Air Station Borinquen, formerly a GANTSEC command, will report to the Sector Commanding Officer. The Coast Guard has established a continuity of operations whereby all previous practices and procedures will remain in effect until superseded by an authorized Coast Guard official and/or document.

DATES: This notice is effective October 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket CGD07-04-114 and are available for inspection or copying at District 7 Resources, 9th Floor, 909 SE 1st Avenue, Miami, FL 33131 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Carlos A. Cuesta, District 7 Resources Program at 305-415-6706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion of Notice

Sector San Juan will be composed of a Response Command, Prevention Command, and Logistics Command. All existing missions and functions performed by GANTSEC will be realigned under this new organizational structure as of September 30, 2004.

Sector San Juan will be responsible for all Coast Guard missions in the zone delineated in 33 CFR 3.35-25 as follows: "The San Juan Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone are comprised of both the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Territory of the Virgin Islands and the adjacent waters to the outermost extent of the EEZ, subject to existing laws and regulations." There will be no change to the San Juan Marine Inspection Zone, Captain of the Port Zone, and Search and Rescue (SAR) Boundaries as a result of this reorganization.

Sector San Juan is designated a rescue sub-center and, as such, is responsible as SAR Mission Coordinator for search and rescue operations both within and beyond the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) as specified in the Seventh District standard operating procedures.

The Sector San Juan Commander is vested with all the rights, responsibilities, duties, and authority of

a Group Commander and Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Office, as provided for in Coast Guard regulations. The Sector San Juan Commander is designated: (a) Captain of the Port (COTP) for the San Juan COTP zone; (b) Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC); (c) Federal On Scene Coordinator (FOSC) for the San Juan COTP zone, consistent with the National Contingency Plan; (d) Officer In Charge of Marine Inspection (OCMI) for the San Juan Marine Inspection Zone and, (e) Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator (SMC). The Deputy Sector Commander is designated alternate COTP, FMSC, FOOSC, OCMI and SMC. A continuity of operations order has been issued to address existing COTP regulations, orders, directives and policies.

The following information is a list of updated command titles, addresses and points of contact to facilitate requests from the public and assist with entry into security or safety zones:

Name: Sector San Juan.

Address: Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Juan, 5 Calle La Puntilla, San Juan, PR 00901-1800.

Contact: Operations Center, (787) 289-2040, Sector Commander: (787) 289-2399, Deputy Sector Commander: (305) 289-2300.

Dated: September 27, 2004.

D. B. Peterman,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that an information collection request for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Form 4432, Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in the BIA and the Indian Health Service (IHS), OMB Control No. 1076-0160, needs renewal. The BIA is now seeking comments from interested parties to renew the clearance.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by December 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments are to be mailed or hand delivered to Daisy West,

Acting Chief, Division of Tribal Government Services, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., MS-320-SIB, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone: (202) 513-7641.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Newman, (202) 513-7641.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of the Indian Preference Form is to encourage qualified Indians to seek preference in employment with the BIA and the IHS. BIA collects information under the proposed regulations to ensure compliance with Indian preference hiring requirements.

II. Method of Collection

The information collection relates only to individuals applying for employment with the BIA and the IHS. The tribe's involvement is limited to verifying membership information submitted by the applicant.

III. Data

Title of the collection of information: Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in the BIA and IHS Form.

Type of review: Renewal of Indian Preference for Employment in the BIA and IHS Form.

Summary of the collection of information: The collection of information provides that certain persons who are of Indian descent receive preference when appointments are made to vacancies in positions with the BIA and IHS as well as in any unit that has been transferred intact from the BIA to a Bureau or office within the Department of the Interior or the Department of Health and Human Services and that continues to perform the functions formerly performed as part of the BIA or IHS. You are eligible for preference if (a) you are a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe; (b) you are a descendant of a member and you were residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation on June 1, 1934; (c) you are an Alaska Native; or (d) you possess one-half degree Indian blood derived from tribes that are indigenous to the United States.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information: The information is submitted in order to retain a benefit, namely, preference in employment with the BIA and IHS.

Affected entities: Qualified Indian applicants and the tribe's involvement in verifying membership information submitted by the applicant.

Estimated number of respondents: Approximately a total of 5,000

applications for preference in employment are received annually by the BIA field offices.

Proposed frequency of responses: On occasion as needed.

Burden: The average burden of submitting an Indian Preference Form is 30 minutes including time for reviewing instructions, searching data sources and assembling the information needed. We estimate that the annual public burden is 2,500 hours.

Estimated cost: There are no costs to consider, except postage and the cost of duplicating the original verification form, because verification of the information is already available for other reasons. The form will be used by an applicant to seek documentation of Indian descent or membership from either a tribal official or the BIA.

IV. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the BIA's estimate of the burden (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They also will become a matter of public record.

All written comments will be available for public inspection in Room