

Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individual and Household Housing; 97.049, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050, Individual and Household Program—Other Needs; 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

#### Notice of Adjustment of Disaster Grant Amounts

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** FEMA gives notice of an increase of the maximum amount for Small Project Grants to State and local governments and private nonprofit facilities for disasters declared on or after October 1, 2004.

**DATES:** Effective October 1, 2004 and applies to major disasters declared on or after October 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James A. Walke, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3834.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act) prescribes that FEMA must annually adjust the maximum grant amount made under section 422, Small Project Grants, Simplified Procedure, relating to the Public Assistance program, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor.

FEMA gives notice of an increase of the maximum amount of any Small Project Grant made to the State, local government, or to the owner or operator of an eligible private nonprofit facility, under section 422 of the Stafford Act, to \$55,500 for all disasters declared on or after October 1, 2004.

FEMA bases the adjustment on an increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers of 2.7 percent

for the 12-month period ended in August 2004. The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released the information on September 16, 2004.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.036, Public Assistance Grants)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

#### Notice of Maximum Amount of Assistance Under the Individuals and Households Program, Notice of Maximum Amount of Repair Assistance, and Notice of Maximum Amount of Replacement Assistance

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** FEMA gives notice of the maximum amounts for assistance under the Individuals and Households Program for emergencies and major disasters declared on or after October 1, 2004.

**DATES:** Effective October 1, 2004 and applies to major disasters declared on or after October 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Berl Jones, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4235.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. 5174, prescribes that FEMA must annually announce the maximum amounts for assistance provided under the Individuals and Households (IHP) Program. FEMA gives notice that the maximum amount of IHP financial assistance provided to an individual or household under section 408 of the Act with respect to any single emergency or major disaster is \$26,200. The maximum amount of Repair Assistance is \$5,200, and the maximum amount of Replacement Assistance is \$10,500. The increases in award amounts as stated above are for any single emergency or major disaster declared on or after October 1, 2004.

FEMA bases the adjustments on an increase in the Consumer Price Index

for All Urban Consumers of 2.7 percent for the 12-month period ended in August 2004. The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released the information on September 16, 2004.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.048, Individuals and Households—Housing; 97.049 Individuals and Households—Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050, Individuals and Households—Other Needs)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

#### Notice of Adjustment of Statewide Per Capita Impact Indicator

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** FEMA gives notice that the statewide per capita impact indicator under the Public Assistance program for disasters declared on or after October 1, 2004 will be increased.

**DATES:** Effective October 1, 2004 and applies to major disasters declared on or after October 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James A. Walke, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, and (202) 646-3834.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 44 CFR 206.48 provides that FEMA will adjust the statewide per capita impact indicator under the Public Assistance program to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor.

FEMA gives notice that the statewide per capita impact indicator will be increased to \$1.14 for all disasters declared on or after October 1, 2004.

FEMA bases the adjustment on an increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers of 2.7 percent for the 12-month period ended in August 2004. The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released the information on September 16, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### National Communications System

### National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** National Communications System (NCS).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) will be held via conference call on Thursday, October 21, 2004, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The NSTAC is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II). The conference call will be opened to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a briefing on:

- Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (HSPD7). While the call is opened to the public, the public and other non-NSTAC members will be placed on listen only (muted) lines. For access to the conference bridge and meeting materials, please register with Ms. Daniela Christopherson at (703) 607-6217 or by e-mail at [Christod@ncs.gov](mailto:Christod@ncs.gov) by 5 p.m., Wednesday, October 20, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Call Ms. Kiesha Gebreyes, Chief, Industry Operations Branch at (703) 607-6134, or write the Manager, National Communications System, P.O. Box 4502, Arlington, Virginia 22204-4502.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Transportation Security Administration

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### Security Requirements for Aircraft Operators Certificated Pursuant to 14 CFR Part 125

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration (TSA), DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** TSA is providing notice that, pursuant to its authority under 49 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) part 1550, we are requiring aircraft operators using aircraft with a maximum certificated takeoff weight (MTOW) over 12,500 pounds, that are certificated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under 14 CFR part 125 and that are not currently operating under a TSA security program, to meet the requirements of 49 CFR 1544.101(e) or (f) as specified in this notice. TSA has issued this requirement to respond to vulnerabilities in aviation security.

**DATES:** Effective November 18, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Bernier, TSA-7, Director of Air Carrier Inspections, Aviation Regulation and Inspection Division, Office of Aviation Operations, Transportation Security Administration HQ, 11th Floor, East Building, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220; telephone (571) 227-2200; facsimile (703) 603-0414; e-mail [aircarrierinspection@tsa.dot.gov](mailto:aircarrierinspection@tsa.dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All aircraft operators that are not otherwise regulated under title 49 CFR and that are certificated by the FAA under 14 CFR part 125 must comply with the security requirements contained in § 1544.101 (e) or (f) of title 49 as explained below. TSA is issuing this notice pursuant to 49 CFR 1550.7 in response to vulnerabilities in civil aviation security.

The U.S. Intelligence Community continues to receive and evaluate a high volume of reporting indicating possible threats against U.S. interests. This reporting, combined with recent terrorist attacks, has created an atmosphere of concern. While the ability to conduct multiple, near simultaneous attacks against several targets is not new for such terrorist groups as al-Qa'ida, aircraft that are not required to comply with TSA's security regulations provide an attractive target for terrorist organizations attempting to evade aviation security measures currently in place. The Department of

Homeland Security remains concerned about al-Qa'ida's continued interest in aviation to carry out attacks on transportation and supporting infrastructure. In recognition of the current threat environment, TSA has made a determination that these circumstances require immediate action to ensure safety in air transportation.

Under 49 CFR 1550.7, each aircraft operation that is certificated by the FAA under part 125 and does not currently comply with a security program under 49 CFR part 1544 in an aircraft with a MTOW of more than 12,500 pounds, must conduct a search of the aircraft before departure and screen passengers, crew members and other persons, and all accessible property before boarding in accordance with security standards and procedures approved by TSA. TSA will require that for all-cargo operations conducted in an aircraft with a MTOW of more than 12,500 pounds and passenger operations conducted in an aircraft with a MTOW of more than 12,500 pounds and up to and including 45,500 kg (100,309.3 pounds), which are not currently operating under a TSA security program, such procedures and requirements as contained in 49 CFR 1544.101(e) and related security directives must be implemented. The requirements include, without limitation, a security program that provides for the security of persons and property traveling on flights, designation of an Aircraft Operator Security Coordinator, verification of the identity of flight crew members, security training, and procedures to respond to certain threats.

TSA will require that for all passenger operations with a MTOW greater than 45,500 kg (100,309.3 pounds) or with a passenger seating configuration of 61 or more, the security procedures must include the requirements listed in 49 CFR 1544.101(f) and related security directives. In addition to the requirements listed above, these operations must also screen individuals and their accessible property and provide for the use of metal detection devices and x-ray systems.

The size of the aircraft operating under part 125 certification, the number of passengers traveling on such aircraft, and the amount of cargo transported pose a significant threat to aviation security and require the application of security measures to these operations. Of particular concern to aviation security are part 125 operators that are functioning as private travel clubs. Such clubs, which are advertised on the Internet, solicit members who, after payment of initiation and membership fees, are able to purchase tour packages.