

grantee institution. This approach is employed by the National Science Foundation for its graduate research fellowship program. For the sake of discussion, those offering comments may assume the allowance could be in the range of \$16,000 to \$18,000. The allowance could be adjusted periodically by the NIH as fiscal circumstances warranted.

3. The current tuition formula could be retained without modification. Those offering comments may assume that under this option the number of NRSA trainees and funded training grant programs will likely experience a series of year-to-year decreases as long as the current fiscal patterns prevail.

**Participation:** Those who wish to attend the Town Hall meeting are invited to submit a brief statement, not to exceed two pages, summarizing views and experiences relevant to the topic of the meeting. Some of those submitting statements will be asked to make brief oral presentations at the meeting. In selecting those to make presentations and in allocating time, the organizers hope to ensure that a full range of opinions is heard and that all parts of the NRSA constituency are represented. Those not asked to present will be welcome at the meeting and will be given a brief opportunity to contribute during two "open mike" sessions. Individuals should submit their statements along with their name, affiliation, and contact information to [NRSATownHall@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NRSATownHall@mail.nih.gov) by November 4, 2005. Individuals chosen to make presentations at the Town Hall meeting will be notified on or around November 14, 2005. Those unable to attend but who wish to provide statements are welcome to do so. All statements will be considered by NIH staff. Those who do not submit statements but wish to observe the meeting will be admitted on a space-available basis. An NIH official will present background information on NRSA tuition support at the outset of the meeting.

All individuals who wish to attend the meeting should register through the Town Hall meeting's Web site at <http://pub.nigms.nih.gov/nrsameeting>, available on or about October 24, 2005. The detailed schedule for the meeting, when completed, will be posted on this Web site along with any meeting updates. Participants are responsible for their own expenses associated with participating in this meeting, such as for travel.

**Inquiries:** Questions concerning this notice should be directed to: Dr. Warren Jones, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of

Health, 301-594-3827,  
[jonesw@nigms.nih.gov](mailto:jonesw@nigms.nih.gov).

Dated: October 13, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DHS-2005-0041]

### Notice of Meeting of Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Studies and Analysis, Science and Technology Directorate, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee (HSSTAC) will meet at 3811 N. Fairfax Drive, 6th Floor Conference Room, Arlington, Virginia 22209, in closed session on November 8, 2005, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in open session.

**DATE:** The meeting date is November 8, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to submit comments, you must do so by November 4, 2005. Comments must be identified by DHS-2005-0041 and may be submitted by *one* of the following methods:

- Federal Partner EDOCKET Web Site: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow instructions for submitting comments on the Web site.
- E-mail: [HSSTAC@dhs.gov](mailto:HSSTAC@dhs.gov). Include docket number in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: (202) 254-6177.
- Mail: Ms. Brenda Leckey, Office of Studies and Analysis, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brenda Leckey, Office of Studies and Analysis, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, [HSSTAC@dhs.gov](mailto:HSSTAC@dhs.gov), 202-254-5041.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Pub.

L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 1 *et seq.*). The HSSTAC will meet for purposes of: (1) Reviewing Homeland Security Institute (HSI) work on risk-based strategic planning; (2) receiving subcommittee reports; (3) providing the Under Secretary with preliminary HSSTAC recommendations; (4) addressing future subcommittee activities; and (5) discussing the Annual Report to Congress and the Under Secretary. Specifically, the HSSTAC will review the results of its subcommittees' activities undertaken since the last quarterly meeting in August 2005, and discuss any proposed subcommittee recommendations to be included in the annual report to Congress. The Committee will receive a briefing from the HSI on the status of the framework under development to link DHS and S&T investments to national homeland security strategies. And lastly, the Committee will discuss areas of interest for future subcommittee activities, and dispense subcommittee assignments for the annual report to Congress due in January.

**Public Attendance:** Due to meeting space restrictions, the maximum number of public attendees will be 25. Members of the public will be registered to attend the public session on a first-come, first-served basis per the procedures that follow. Any member of the public who wishes to attend the public session must provide his or her name, affiliation, social security number, and date of birth no later than 5 p.m. e.s.t., Friday, November 4, 2005. Please provide the required information to Craig Wilson via e-mail at [HSSTAC@dhs.gov](mailto:HSSTAC@dhs.gov), or via phone at (202) 254-5723. Persons with disabilities who require special assistance should indicate so in their admittance request. Photo identification will be required for entry into the public session, and everyone in attendance must be present and seated by 4 p.m. on November 8, 2005.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 1 *et seq.*) and pursuant to the authority delegated to him by the Secretary in DHS Management Directive 2300, the Under Secretary for Science and Technology has determined that this HSSTAC meeting will address matters the disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly proposed agency actions. Accordingly, consistent with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), the meeting will be partially closed to the public.

Dated: October 19, 2005.

**Charles E. McQueary,**

*Under Secretary for Science and Technology  
Science and Technology Directorate.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

#### **Automated Commercial Environment (ACE): Creation of Non-Portal Accounts for Importers; Automatic ACE Participation for C-TPAT Members**

**AGENCY:** Customs and Border Protection;  
Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the creation of Non-portal Accounts for importers wishing to participate in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) test, but not seeking the benefits that inure to parties that establish Portal Accounts. This notice also announces that all importers who are certified partners in the voluntary Customs–Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) Program, and are not holders of ACE Portal Accounts, are automatically established as ACE Non-portal Accounts and are eligible to participate in the Periodic Monthly Statement test. This Notice further announces that importers who are not certified partners in C-TPAT may still become Non-portal Accounts by accurately completing a Customs and Border Protection Form (CBP Form) 5106 and then submitting that document to a customs broker who is participating in ACE via a Portal Account. The broker will then submit that information to CBP. Finally, the document states that any current C-TPAT certified partners who are owners of Portal Accounts and are not participating in Periodic Monthly Statement (PMS) may immediately participate in PMS directly with CBP, or through a customs broker with an ACE Portal Account, by providing to CBP those importer of record numbers that are part of the Portal Account and that have been previously designated to C-TPAT.

**DATES:** The provisions of this Notice are effective immediately.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be submitted to Mr. Michael Maricich via e-mail at *Michael.Maricich@dhs.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions regarding this Notice: Mr. Michael Maricich via e-mail at *Michael.Maricich@dhs.gov*, or by telephone at (703) 921-7520. Information is also available at the CBP Web site, *cbp.gov*, regarding the procedures to follow in order to establish the accounts described in this notice, such as the submission of forms, information, etc.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On May 1, 2002, CBP published a General Notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 21800) announcing a plan to conduct a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test of the first phase of the Automated Commercial Environment. In this notice, CBP stated that it planned to select approximately forty importer accounts from the list of qualified applicants for the initial deployment of this test. The test would allow importers and authorized parties to access their customs data via a web based Account Portal. In order to be eligible for participation, an importer was required to become a member of the Customs–Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) Program and had to have the ability to connect to the internet. Each participant had to designate one person as the account owner for the company's portal account information, with that account owner being responsible for safeguarding the company's portal account information, controlling all disclosures of that information to authorized persons, authorizing user access to the Account Portal and ensuring that access to the company's portal account information by authorized persons is strictly controlled. Each importer wishing to participate was required to fill out an application and, while not expressly stated in the Notice, each applicant was also required to agree to a set of terms and conditions.

On June 18, 2002, CBP extended the application period for those desiring to be one of the initial importer participants by publishing a second General Notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 41572). That notice emphasized that applications to be an initial participant had to be submitted to CBP prior to August 1, 2002. Applications would be accepted after that date, but parties who so applied would be placed on a waiting list and considered for participation pending expansion of the technology.

On February 4, 2004, CBP published a General Notice in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 5362) announcing the next step toward the full electronic processing of

commercial importations in ACE, with a focus on identifying authorized importers and brokers to participate in the test to implement the Periodic Monthly Statement (PMS) Process. Under the test as described in this Notice, participating importers and their designated brokers are allowed to deposit estimated duties and fees no later than the 15th calendar day of the month following the month in which the goods are either entered or released, whichever comes first. (See section 383 of the Trade Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-210, dated August 6, 2002, which amended section 505(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1505(a)). Brokers are permitted to establish broker accounts in the secure data portal in order to submit Periodic Monthly Statements on behalf of their clients eligible to participate.

The February 4, 2004, General Notice further stated that participants in this test would benefit by having access to operational data through the ACE Secure Data Portal ("Portal"), enjoying the capability of being able to interact electronically with CBP, and making payments of duties and fees on a periodic monthly basis. Pursuant to this Notice, an importer wishing to designate a broker to make Periodic Monthly Statement payment on his behalf can do so only after first establishing himself as an importer ACE Portal account by meeting the basic criteria set forth in the **Federal Register** notices of May 1, 2002 (67 FR 21800) plus two new additional requirements, i.e., having the ability to make periodic payment via ACH Credit or ACH Debit and having the ability to file entry/entry summary via ABI (Automated Broker Interface). Also, designated brokers wishing to participate in this test and make Periodic Monthly Statement payment on behalf of participating importers also had to establish individual broker ACE Portal Accounts, also meeting those same requirements. In addition, in order for customs brokers to apply, they had to provide names of the initial forty-one importers participating in the test who had designated or would designate them as the authorized broker.

On September 8, 2004, CBP published a General Notice in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 54302), reminding the public that importers and their designated brokers may still apply to establish ACE Portal accounts so as to participate in the Periodic Monthly Statement Process. The Notice again invited customs brokers to participate in the ACE Portal test generally.

On February 1, 2005, CBP published a General Notice in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 5199) modifying the eligibility