

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Private Sector Office, Office of Policy; Submission for Review; Disaster Recovery Survey for Businesses

**AGENCY:** Office of the Private Sector, Office of Policy, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; 30-day notice of information collections under review: various contract related forms, Post-Contract Award Information, Regulation on Agency Protests, and Solicitation of Proposal Information for Award of Public Contracts.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has submitted the following proposed information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995: 1601-NEW. This notice and request for comments is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 15, 2007. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Private Sector Office, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Becker, Office of the Private Sector, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528; telephone (202) 282-9013 (this is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DHS previously published this information collection request (ICR) in the **Federal Register** on August 16, 2006, at 71 FR 47237, for a 60-day public comment period. The ICR addressed a written survey developed by the Office of Policy, Private Sector Office for DHS for

laboratory inspection processes. Other Canadian laboratories wishing to be considered for the NLCP may apply directly to the NLCP contractor just as U.S. laboratories do.

Upon finding a Canadian laboratory to be qualified, HHS will recommend that DOT certify the laboratory (**Federal Register**, July 16, 1996) as meeting the minimum standards of the Mandatory Guidelines published in the **Federal Register** on April 13, 2004 (69 FR 19644). After receiving DOT certification, the laboratory will be included in the monthly list of HHS-certified laboratories and participate in the NLCP certification maintenance program.

distribution to business owners and managers impacted by a natural or man-made disaster. The survey contains general questions about losses incurred by reporting businesses as a result of the disaster, as well as progress made during initial recovery. All information will be compiled for analysis by DHS and reported only at the aggregate level. Results of the analysis will be used by DHS to gauge the economic impact of the disaster as well as the effectiveness of recovery efforts. Participation in the survey will be voluntary and also provides an opportunity for the private sector to inform DHS about major issues and concerns with the recovery process following a disaster. The survey is being developed as a generic survey that can be used following any form of disaster; including natural disasters, terrorist events, and pandemic influenza.

DHS received three comments during the 60-day public comment period for this ICR. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. This notice and request for comment is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DHS invites the general public to comment on the ICR. A copy of the survey can be obtained by contacting Gary Becker of the Private Sector Office (contact information provided in previous section).

DHS is particularly interested in comments which:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

#### Analysis

**Agency:** Department of Homeland Security, Office of Policy, Private Sector Office.

**Title:** Disaster Recovery Survey for Businesses.

**OMB No.:** 1601-NEW.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Affected Public:** Employer and Non-employer Businesses.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 2,000 respondents.

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 18 minutes (15 minutes per written response with 30% chance for 10 minute telephone follow-up).

**Total Burden Hours:** 600.

**Total Burden Cost:** (capital/startup): None.

**Total Burden Cost:** (operating/maintaining): None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DHS-2006-0081]

### Privacy Act; Alien File (A-File) and Central Index System (CIS) Systems of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** System of records notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its ongoing effort to review and update legacy system of records notices, the Department of Homeland Security is publishing a revision to the previously established Privacy Act system of records notice published by the former Immigration and Naturalization Service for hardcopy and digitized A-Files; and the Central Index System. The Department of Homeland Security is also updating the routine uses that were previously published for this system of records.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 15, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket Number DHS-2006-0081 by one of the following methods:

- Federal e-Rulemaking portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments via docket number DHS 2006-0081.
- Fax: (202-572-8727) (not a toll-free number).
- Mail: Hugo Teufel III, DHS Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted