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Background and Questions for Comment

The National Maritime Security Advisory Council (NMSAC) was created pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (FACA) in 2003. The membership of NMSAC, which includes 21 voting members, was selected to represent all viewpoints regarding maritime security challenges and to inform the Coast Guard of relevant maritime security issues. At the regular NMSAC meeting of November 14, 2006, the Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) asked NMSAC to develop a contactless biometric specification for TWIC by February 28, 2007, applying expertise from the biometric credentialing industry and maritime industry TWIC stakeholders. The specification was required to:

- a. Be non-proprietary;
- b. Incorporate appropriate security and privacy controls;
- c. Be consistent with FIPS 201-1 credential specifications;
- d. Be capable of serving as a platform for future capabilities;
- e. Be capable of supporting maritime operations; and
- f. Be easily manufactured.

TSA and Coast Guard recommended that the task be addressed by dividing responsibilities to construct operational maritime requirements and technology specifications. We recommended that operational maritime requirements be developed by members of maritime industry and that they address credential authentication (e.g. authentication time and process, and alternate authentication procedures); durability requirements; and credential management procedures, including key management. We recommended that the technology specifications be developed with the technical expertise of biometric credentialing experts and address smart card, reader, and keying specification. The formal request from the TWIC program to NMSAC is available at the following URL: <http://homeport.uscg.mil> under Missions >

Maritime Security > Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) > National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC) > TWIC Contactless Specification Development Working Group, and in the docket for this notice.

On March 1, 2007, the Coast Guard received NMSAC's report, entitled "Recommendations on Developing a Contactless Biometric Specification for the TWIC." The report includes two recommended specifications. NMSAC expressed a strong preference for the first recommended specification, which does not require encryption of the cardholder's fingerprint template; this would permit the template to be read by a reader when the card is energized by a contactless reader. The second recommended specification provides for encryption of the fingerprint template, which protects the template from being read contactlessly unless information on the card's magnetic stripe is read by the reader and authorizes the release of the template. Encryption protects the template from being read covertly. However, if a TWIC is stolen or is in the hands of an unauthorized holder, encryption does not prevent the transfer of the template to a TWIC reader.

Both sets of recommended specifications are available at the following URL: <http://homeport.uscg.mil> under Missions > Maritime Security > Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) > National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC) > TWIC Contactless Specification Development Working Group. They are also available in the docket for this notice.

We invite comment on all aspects of the NMSAC recommended specifications, and in particular those that address the following questions:

1. Should additional security measures be included in the specifications, such as the use of a PIN, to further minimize the chance that a fingerprint template from a lost or stolen credential could be obtained by an unauthorized individual? If so, would the addition of a PIN or other security measure adversely impact operations? Does the length of the PIN affect adverse impacts in any measurable way?
2. What, if any, privacy concerns exist if the fingerprint template is obtained by an unauthorized individual?
3. How would the recommended specifications impact facility and vessel security and operations?
4. How would the recommended specifications impact existing physical access control systems?
5. Are there alternative designs we should consider, and if so, what are the

advantages and disadvantages of the alternative designs?

6. How would the recommended specifications impact product, system, and operational costs?

7. How quickly could the recommended specifications be incorporated into the design and manufacture of access control equipment?

8. Should there be a process for identifying a Qualified Products List (QPL) or other equivalent regime? If so, what is the most efficient and effective way of creating a QPL?

The Coast Guard and TSA will examine all comments received concerning NMSAC's recommended specifications and the questions above. We will issue a Notice in the **Federal Register** to explain and announce the selected technology specification as we proceed with the TWIC program, in particular, the upcoming pilot programs in which we will field test the use of TWIC in biometric readers in the maritime environment.

Dated: March 13, 2007.

J.G. Lantz,

Director of National and International Standards, Assistant Commandant for Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5125-N-11]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 16, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*,

No. 88–2503–OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: March 8, 2007.

Mark R. Johnston,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4878–N–06]

Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons: Update of Web Site Reference

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

ACTION: Notice: Update of Web site reference.

SUMMARY: This notice updates an obsolete Web site reference that was included in HUD's final "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient (LEP) Persons," as required by Executive Order (EO) 13166, published in the **Federal Register** on January 22, 2007, and which became effective on March 7, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela D. Walsh, Director, Program Standards and Compliance Division, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5226, Washington, DC 20410, telephone: (202) 708–2904 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 22, 2007, HUD published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 2732) final guidance to help recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to meet their regulatory and statutory obligations to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to HUD

programs and activities (LEP Final Guidance). Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and its implementing regulations, recipients of federal financial assistance have a responsibility to ensure meaningful access to programs and activities by LEP persons.

In the preamble to the Final Guidance, which provided responses to public comments received on the proposed guidance, HUD provided the Web site to demographic information based on 2000 Census or other data (see page 2736, third column and continuing on page 2737, first column). Since publication of the Final Guidance, HUD has been advised that the Web site provided in the Final Guidance is no longer active. This notice provides the updated Web site. The demographic information based on 2000 Census or other data can be found at the following Web site: <http://www.census.gov/cac/www/007578.html>.

In addition to this correction, on February 14, 2007, the Office of the Federal Register (OFR) published in the **Federal Register** a correction to HUD's Final Guidance that corrected a printing error made by the OFR in publishing HUD's Final Guidance on January 22, 2007 (See 72 FR 7134.) On February 16, 2007, HUD published a notice that moved the effective of the Final Guidance from February 21, 2007, to March 7, 2007.

HUD's Final Guidance, which incorporates these corrections, can be found at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/promotingfh/lep.cfm>.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

Kim Kendrick,

Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1018–0015; Migratory Bird Surveys

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent

burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before May 15, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222–ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); hope.grey@fws.gov (e-mail); or (703) 358–2269 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey by mail, fax, or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358–2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703–711) and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742d) designate the Department of the Interior as the key agency responsible for (1) the wise management of migratory bird populations frequenting the United States, and (2) setting hunting regulations that allow appropriate harvests that are within the guidelines that will allow for those populations' well-being. These responsibilities dictate that we gather accurate data on various characteristics of migratory bird harvest. We use the knowledge attained by determining harvests and harvest rates of migratory game birds to regulate populations (by promulgating hunting regulations) and to encourage hunting opportunity, especially where crop depredations are chronic and/or lightly-harvested populations occur. Based on information from harvest surveys, we can adjust hunting regulations as needed to optimize harvests at levels that provide a maximum of hunting recreation while keeping populations at desired levels.

Under the Migratory Bird Harvest Program, State licensing authorities collect the name and address information needed to provide a sample frame of all licensed migratory bird hunters. Since Federal regulations require that the States collect this information, we are including the associated burden in our approval request to OMB. We propose to combine three surveys in this IC because the surveys are interrelated and/or dependent upon each other:

(1) Migratory Bird Hunter Surveys, currently approved under OMB Control