

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Transportation Security Administration****Extension of Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Aircraft Operator Security**

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has forwarded the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval of an extension of the currently approved collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. TSA published a **Federal Register** notice, with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments, of the following collection of information on November 2, 2006 (71 FR 64547).

DATES: Send your comments by May 11, 2007. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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/TSA, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joanna Johnson, Communications Branch, Business Management Office, Operational Process and Technology, TSA-11, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220; telephone (571) 227-3651; facsimile (571) 227-3588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Comments Invited**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement 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;

(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 using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Information Collection Requirement

Title: Aircraft Operator Security.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 1652-0003.

Form(s): NA.

Affected Public: Aircraft operators regulated by 49 CFR part 1544.

Abstract: As part of the aircraft operator security standards TSA has implemented at 49 CFR part 1544, aircraft operators are required to maintain and update, as necessary, records of compliance with the security program provisions outlined in part 1544. This regulation also requires aircraft operators to make their security programs and associated records available for inspection by TSA to ensure security, safety, and regulatory compliance. Under this regulation, aircraft operators must ensure flight crew members and employees with unescorted access authority or who perform screening functions submit to a criminal history records check (CHRC). In order to conduct a CHRC, these individuals must provide their identifying information to the aircraft operator, including fingerprints. In addition to conducting CHRCs and maintaining security program documents, these aircraft operators devote considerable time to comparing passenger names to watch lists distributed by TSA. The collection requirements associated with aircraft operator security programs remain critical in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Number of Respondents: 830. The 80 respondents listed in the November 2, 2006, notice represent airlines holding a full Aircraft Operator Standard Security Program (AOSSP). These aircraft operators generally provide scheduled passenger service and tend to be larger companies. In addition to these respondents, TSA is adding 750 aircraft operators who maintain a Twelve-Five Standard Security Program (TFSSP), a Private Charter Standard Security Program (PCSSP), a specialized limited program, or a partial program as

described in § 1544.101. Aircraft operators that maintain a specialized limited program typically provide on-demand air service, as well as scheduled service and tend to be smaller companies. Part 1544 also governs recordkeeping requirements for aircraft operators maintaining a full All-Cargo Standard Security Program; however, their hour burden has been separately reported under OMB control number 1652-0040. Thus, the total number of respondents claimed under this information collection is 830.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 1,625,000 hours annually. TSA revised the estimate published in its November 2, 2006, notice to more accurately reflect the time and effort the respondents are expending in order to comply with the security program requirement and to compare passenger names against watch lists distributed by TSA. While TSA directs aircraft operators to conduct these watch lists checks, it does not specify how they are to do so; thus, actual hour burdens for the watch lists comparison vary widely across the industry. TSA estimates 80 AOSSP aircraft operators devote approximately 1.4 million hours per year to conduct TSA watch list comparisons and report matches to TSA, perform CHRCs, and maintain their security programs. TSA estimates the 750 TFSSP, PCSSP, limited, and partial program aircraft operators devote approximately 230,250 hours per year to conduct TSA watch list comparisons and report matches to TSA, perform CHRCs, and maintain their security programs.

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Fran Lozito,

*Director, Business Management Office,
Operational Process and Technology.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5117-N-29]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Survey of HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agencies

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

The survey will gather information on the organizational characteristics of all HUD-approved housing counseling agencies, including the type of services they provide, number and characteristics of their staff, size of their budget for counseling services and sources of funds, the characteristics of their counseling service delivery process and opinions regarding key policy issues facing the industry. This survey is part of a broader study to help inform HUD's efforts to support the housing counseling industry by providing more systematic information and it will lay the groundwork for an impact evaluation of pre-purchase housing counseling.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* May 11, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2528-NEW) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Deitzer, Departmental Reports

Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail *Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov* or telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer or from HUD's Web site at *http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (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; (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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Survey of HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agencies.

OMB Approval Number: 2528-NEW.

Form Numbers: None.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: The survey will gather information on the organizational characteristics of all HUD-approved housing counseling agencies, including the type of services they provide, number and characteristics of their staff, size of their budget for counseling services and sources of funds, the characteristics of their counseling service delivery process and opinions regarding key policy issues facing the industry. This survey is part of a broader study to help inform HUD's efforts to support the housing counseling industry by providing more systematic information and it will lay the groundwork for an impact evaluation of pre-purchase housing counseling.

Frequency of Submission: Other one time.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	x	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	2,200	0.8		1		1,760

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 1,760.
Status: New Collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: April 5, 2007.

Lillian L. Deitzer,

Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following application

to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on these applications at the address given below, by May 11, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035-9589 (Attention: Heather Bell, Permit Biologist).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Bell, telephone 413-253-8645; facsimile 413-253-8428.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public is invited to comment on the following amendment application for permits to conduct certain activities

with endangered and threatened species. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) or via electronic mail to *heather_bell@fws.gov*. Please include your name and return address in your electronic mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your electronic mail message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (see **ADDRESSES** section).

We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as