

practice in a changing health care system. The objectives of the meeting are to: (1) Examine the most effective and relevant teaching and learning methods and strategies focusing on Competency Outcomes and Performance Assessment for students in the practice disciplines; (2) identify knowledge, skills, and abilities needed by the 21st century RN workforce as seen through the eyes of employers and consumers; and (3) examine nursing curricula among all three basic RN programs {associate degree, diploma and baccalaureate programs} to understand similarities and differences in the respective programs and their ability to prepare the 21st century nursing student for professional practice.

During this meeting, the NACNEP council members will deliberate as workgroups on the content presented and formulate recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Congress on teaching and learning strategies for future nursing students and nursing competencies required by employers and consumers. This meeting and the meeting held in April 2008 will form the basis for NACNEP's congressionally mandated Ninth Annual Report.

*For Further Information Contact:* Anyone interested in obtaining a roster of members, minutes of the meeting, or other relevant information should write or contact Dr. Joan Weiss, Executive Secretary, National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice, Parklawn Building, Room 9-35, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, telephone (301) 443-5688.

Due to a delay in confirming several key speakers, this notice will publish in the **Federal Register** less than 15 days before the date of the meeting.

Dated: November 5, 2007.

**Alexandra Huttinger,**

*Acting Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2007-0049]

#### National Boating Safety Activities: Funding for National Nonprofit Public Service Organizations

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of funds availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard seeks applications for fiscal year 2008 grants and cooperative agreements from national, nongovernmental, nonprofit public service organizations. These grants and cooperative agreements would be used to fund projects on various subjects promoting recreational boating safety on a national scope. This

notice provides information about the grant and cooperative agreement application process and some of the subjects of particular interest to the Coast Guard.

**DATES:** You may obtain application packages on or after November 1, 2007. Proposals for the fiscal year 2008 grant cycle must be received before 3 p.m. Eastern time, January 22, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain application packages by calling the Coast Guard at 202-372-1060. Submit proposals to: Commandant (CG-54221), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 3100, Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available from the Coast Guard and on the Internet at the Web site for the Boating Safety Division at <http://www.uscgboating.org> and at <http://www.regulation.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Vickie Hartberger, Boating Safety Division, U.S. Coast Guard (CG-54221), 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 3100, Washington, DC 20593-0001; 202-372-1060; e-mail [Vickie.L.Hartberger@uscg.mil](mailto:Vickie.L.Hartberger@uscg.mil). The points of contact for the nine project areas are listed at the end of each project description.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title 46, United States Code, Chapter 131, provides for the allocation of available funds from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund for State recreational boating safety grants. The majority of funds are allocated to the states and up to 5 percent of these funds may be distributed by the Coast Guard for grants and cooperative agreements for national recreational boating safety activities of national nonprofit public service organizations. We anticipate we will allocate approximately \$5,400,000 among several organizations for fiscal year 2008. Thirty-seven awards totaling \$5,219,380 were made in fiscal year 2007 ranging from \$10,000 to \$650,000. Nothing in this notice should be construed as committing the Coast Guard to dividing available funds among qualified applicants or awarding any specified amount. Applicants must be national, nongovernmental, nonprofit public-service organizations and must establish that their activities are national in scope. You may obtain an application package by writing or calling the point of contact listed in **ADDRESSES** on or after November 1, 2007. The application package contains all necessary forms, an explanation of how the grant program is administered, and a checklist for submitting a grant application. You can obtain specific information on organization eligibility,

proposal requirements, award procedures, and financial administration procedures by contacting the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The Boating Safety Financial Assistance Program is listed in section 97.012 of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. Prospective grantees may propose up to a 5-year grant with 12-month (fiscal year) increments identified. In effect, an award would be made for the first year and thereafter renewal is optional. Each annual increment would not be guaranteed. Under a continuation (multi-year) type of award, the Coast Guard agrees to support a grant project at a specific level of effort for a specified period of time, with a statement of intention to provide additional future support, provided funds are available, the project continues to support the needs of the government, and the achieved results warrant further support. Award of continuation grants will be made on a strict case-by-case basis to assist planning in certain large scale projects and ensure continuity. Procedures also provide for awarding noncompetitive grants or cooperative agreements on a case-by-case basis. This authority is judiciously used to fund recurring annual projects or events which can only be carried out by one organization, and projects that present targets of opportunity for timely action on new or emerging program requirements or issues. The following list includes items of specific interest to the Coast Guard, however, potential applicants should not be constrained by the list. We welcome any initiative that supports the mission of the USCG Office of Boating Safety, which is: To ensure the public has a safe, secure, and enjoyable recreational boating experience by implementing programs that minimize the loss of life, personal injury, and property damage while cooperating with environmental and national security efforts. The performance goal of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program is to reduce recreational boating casualties. To achieve this goal, our objectives, for which we need additional expertise from grant recipients, include:

- Improving the reliability of boating accident reporting, which assists in identifying causal factors that could then be addressed through education and/or regulation.
- Tracking and Increasing Awareness of Safe Boating Practices.
- Increasing lifejacket wear.
- Decreasing the number of alcohol-involved accidents.

- Increasing operator compliance with Navigation Rules.
- Increasing operator compliance with USCG safety equipment carriage requirements.
- Tracking completion of advanced boating education courses with the future goal of using this data to increase said training.
- Tracking and increasing the number of NASBLA-approved boating safety education certificates issued annually.

Some project areas of continuing and particular interest for grant funding include the following:

1. Develop and Conduct a National, Year-Round, Safe Boating Campaign that addresses areas identified through the National RBS Program's Strategic Plan. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to plan, develop and implement a 2008 National Safe Boating Campaign that promotes a concentrated effort to target specific boater market segments and recreational boating safety topics. This year-round campaign must coincide with the objectives of the National RBS Program. The nationwide activities of this public awareness campaign should be based on the support of the volunteers and professional groups at the grassroots (local) level. Key to this collaborative effort is how it will complement the Coast Guard's national outreach initiatives. The major focus of the effort will be to modify the behavior of all boaters with special focus on boat operators being responsible for their own safety as well as the safety of their passengers. Significant emphasis should be placed on lifejacket wear, boater education, safety and security issues, propeller injury prevention, and the dangers of carbon monoxide, as well as boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Efforts will also be coordinated, year-round, with other national safety initiatives and special media events. Point of Contact: Ms. Jo Calkin, 202-372-1065.

2. Develop and Conduct a National Recreational Boating Safety Outreach and Awareness Conference. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to plan, implement, oversee, and conduct a National Recreational Boating Safety Outreach and Awareness Conference that supports the organizational objectives of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program. The overall conference focus should have promotional strategies with special emphasis on boat operators being responsible for their own safety as well as the safety of their passengers. Significant emphasis should be placed on offering multiple subjects that afford the participants professional development opportunities and

educational enhancement. Subjects should focus on, but not be limited to: Lifejacket wear, safety and security issues, propeller injury prevention, the dangers of carbon monoxide, boater education, vessel safety, outreach and awareness efforts, as well as boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Point of Contact: Ms. Jo Calkin, 202-372-1065.

3. Federal/State Cooperative Partnering Efforts. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to provide programs to measurably enhance uniformity and reciprocity in state boating safety laws/regulations and other state boating safety efforts. The grantee would provide a forum to encourage such uniformity and reciprocity among jurisdictions, and closer cooperation and assistance in developing, administering, and enforcing state laws and regulations pertaining to boating safety. The grantee would further provide a forum to encourage sufficient patrol and other activities to ensure adequate enforcement of state boating safety laws and regulations, provision of an adequate USCG recognized state boating safety education program, enhanced maintenance of USCG approved vessel numbering system and enhanced implementation of a USCG approved marine casualty reporting system. Point of Contact: Mr. W. Vann Burgess, 202-372-1071.

4. Develop and Conduct Boating Accident Investigation Seminars. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop, provide instructional material, and conduct training courses nationwide for boating accident investigators, including four courses at the U.S. Coast Guard's Maritime Law Enforcement Academy in Charleston, South Carolina. Point of Contact: Mr. Mike Jendrossek, 202-372-1052.

5. National Estimate of Personal Flotation Device Wear Rate. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to provide reliable and valid national estimates of personal flotation device (PFD or lifejacket) wear by recreational boaters. Wear rates of PFDs should be based on actual observations taken from a representative sample of boaters across a range of water venues that include lakes, rivers, and bays. It is essential that observation methods remain as close as possible to those used in previous years so the number of boats, types of boats, length of boats, operation and activity of boats, as well as the age and gender of the boaters observed remain consistent. Using the design of the National PFD Wear Rate Study as a base, a supplemental observational study is solicited to determine if PFD wear rates are higher in an area after the roll-out of

the annual Safe Boating Campaign. The grantee shall conduct observations in areas around the country that have relatively high boating activity in the summer and therefore may be expected to have a reasonable level of activity to make conclusions about changes in wear rates more stable. Observation data for 2007 will be collected for inclusion in the baseline measure. In the summer of 2008, the post-campaign measurement will be conducted. Point of Contact: Mr. Jeff Ludwig, 202-372-1061.

6. Voluntary Standards Development Support. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to carry out a program to encourage active participation by members of the public and other qualified persons in the development of technically sound voluntary safety standards for boats and associated equipment. Point of Contact: Mr. Po Chang, 202-372-1075.

7. Inflatable Lifejacket Testing for Children. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop a test program and conduct appropriate testing to determine if children under 16 years of age are capable of safely using automatic inflatable lifejackets. At least two age groups should be considered, (a) Children from 6-12 years old; and (b) Children from 12 to 16 years old. Point of Contact: Mr. Dan McCormick, 202-372-1078.

8. Navigation Rules and State Violations. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to conduct a survey or study of each state and territory to determine such things as, "Has the state adopted the COLREGS/Navigation Rules within their state code? If not, have they created their own set of Navigation Rules?" If not, do they at least use the Navigation Rules to determine other violations of state law (*i.e.* reckless operation, failure to have proper look out, etc.) How do they document such cases? The outcome of this survey should help (clarify) how the Coast Guard determines the most common Navigation Rules violations (documented) in terms of a common definition. Point of Contact: Mr. W. Vann Burgess, 202-372-1071.

9. Practical "on the water" Course. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to carry out a program to encourage and develop a small boat practical "on the water" course curriculum. The basic boat handling skills should take into consideration all types of weather conditions such as heavy winds and sea conditions. Close quarter maneuvering in congested harbor and waterways should also be taught. The operation of different types of vessels should also be taken into consideration, such as twin

or single inboard engines with rudder steering which would be considerably different from inboard/outboard engines or outboard motors. The course should address all these issues. Point of Contact: Mr. Wayne Stacey, 202-372-1067.

We encourage proposals addressing other boating safety concerns.

Potential grantees should focus on partnership, e.g., exploring other sources, linkages, in-kind contributions, cost sharing, and partnering with other organizations or corporations. With your application, we encourage you to list and describe the tools you will use to measure your grant's performance toward achieving the goals of the National RBS Program Strategic Plan or toward achieving a specific objective that will result in the achievement of these goals. The Strategic Plan for the National RBS Program can be found on the Boating Safety Division Web site at <http://www.uscgboating.org>. For some examples of tools, we invite you to explore this CDC Web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/demonstr.htm>.

This announcement is also available on the [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) Web site; we are also publishing the information in the **Federal Register** again this year to provide information to the public in a timely manner.

Dated: October 31, 2007.

**Francis J. Sturm,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Director of Prevention Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. CGD08-07-041]

### Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) will meet to elect a new committee chairperson, vice-chairperson and chairpersons for subcommittees. The meeting will not be a working meeting. This meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 from 9-10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Houston Pilots Association, 8150

South Loop East, Houston, Texas 77011-1747, (713) 645-9620. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Commander Hal R. Pitts, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164, e-mail [hal.r.pitts@uscg.mil](mailto:hal.r.pitts@uscg.mil), or Lieutenant Sean Hughes, Assistant to the Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 678-9001, e-mail [sean.p.hughes@uscg.mil](mailto:sean.p.hughes@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463).

*Agenda of the Meeting:*

*Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC).* The tentative agenda includes the following:

- (1) Opening remarks by Executive Director (CAPT Diehl) or Executive Director's representative.
- (2) HOGANSAC membership election of chairperson and vice-chairperson.
- (3) Membership election of seven (07) subcommittee chairpersons.

*Information On Services For The Handicapped:* For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Secretary or Assistant to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible.

November 5, 2007.

**J.R. Whitehead,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2433-07; DHS Docket No. USCIS-2007-0059]

**RIN 1615-ZA63**

### Filing Location for H-2A Petitions

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces that employers petitioning for temporary or seasonal agricultural workers coming to the United States under the H-2A nonimmigrant classification must file their petitions at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service's California Service Center. Receiving all H-2A petitions at the designated California Service Center

will enable U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to reduce overall petition processing times and better monitor the adjudication of H-2A petitions.

**DATES:** This Notice is effective December 10, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Hiroko Witherow, Service Center Operations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3000, Washington, DC 20529, telephone (202) 272-8410.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

The H-2A nonimmigrant classification applies to alien workers coming to the United States temporarily to perform agricultural labor or services of a temporary or seasonal nature. Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) sec. 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a); see 8 CFR 214.1(a)(2) (H-2A classification designation). As part of the process to obtain H-2A nonimmigrant status, a U.S. employer must file Form I-129, "Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker," on the workers' behalf. On October 17, 2007, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it was centralizing the processing of Forms I-129 filed under the H-2A nonimmigrant classification (hereinafter "H-2A petitions") to its California Service Center (CSC). See <http://www.uscis.gov/files/pressrelease/H2AUpdate17Oct07.pdf>. USCIS also issued Form I-129 Supplemental Filing Instructions for filing H-2A petitions at the CSC.

The October 17 announcement encouraged employers to begin filing H-2A petitions at the CSC address. Previously, employers were required to file H-2A petitions either with USCIS' California Service Center (CSC) or Vermont Service Center (VSC), depending on the location of the temporary employment. See Form I-129 Instructions (Rev. 07/30/07), at pages 13 through 16. The change in filing location of H-2A petitions to the CSC was prompted by USCIS' establishment of a special unit at the California Service Center dedicated to process all H-2A petitions. USCIS believes that receiving all H-2A petitions at the designated CSC address will help speed the fee-receipt, data-entry, and adjudication processes. In so doing, USCIS will be able to reduce overall petition processing times and better monitor the adjudication of H-2A petitions.

USCIS has been forwarding H-2A petitions to the CSC for processing if a