

Committee will meet December 04–06, 2007, at 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**DATES:** The Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee will meet December 04, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; on December 05, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and on December 06, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public on December 4th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meetings on December 4th from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., December 5th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and December 6th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be closed to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Requests to have written material distributed to each member of the committee prior to the meeting should reach the contact person at the address below by November 23, 2007. Send written material to Ms. Deborah Russell, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Drive, Bldg. 410, Washington, DC 20528. Comments must be identified by DHS–2007–0075 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [HSSTAC@dhs.gov](mailto:HSSTAC@dhs.gov). Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 202–254–6177.

- *Mail:* Ms. Deborah Russell, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Drive, Bldg. 410, Washington, DC 20528.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Deborah Russell, at the address above or by phone at 202–254–5739.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2).

The committee will meet for the purpose of receiving sensitive Homeland Security and classified

briefings on Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and will discuss the identification and location of IEDs based on experience in UK, Spain, Japan, etc.; countermeasures used in Iraq/Afghanistan and their applicability to U.S. homeland situations; psychological effects of IEDs; and the IED threat to national security.

*Basis for Closure:* In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, portions of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee meeting concern sensitive Homeland Security information and classified matters within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and (c)(9)(B) and that, accordingly, sensitive portions of the meeting dealing will be closed to the public.

Dated: November 8, 2007.

**Jay M. Cohen,**

*Under Secretary for Science and Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. CGD09–07–126]

### Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** “The Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum” will hold a meeting to discuss various waterways management issues. Potential agenda items will include navigation, ballast water regulations, waterways management, Great Lakes water levels, and discussions about the agenda for the next meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held December 10, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 2007 to be considered at the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Village Inn, 751 Christina Street, Point Edward, Ontario. Any written comments and materials should be submitted to Commander (dpw-2), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doug Sharp (dpw-2), Ninth Coast Guard District, OH 44199, telephone (216) 902–6070. Persons with disabilities requiring assistance to attend this meeting should contact Doug Sharp.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Great Lakes Waterways Management Forum identifies and resolves waterways management issues that involve the Great Lakes region. The forum meets twice a year to assess the Great Lakes region, assign priorities to areas of concern, and identify issues for resolution.

The forum membership has identified potential agenda items for this meeting that include: navigation, ballast water regulations, waterways management, Great Lakes water levels, and discussions about the agenda for the next meeting. The Forum will also provide updates from the Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada, U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on regional projects and operations.

Dated: November 6, 2007.

**John E. Crowley, Jr.,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland, Ohio.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Transportation Security Administration

[Docket Nos. TSA–2006–24191; Coast Guard–2006–24196]

### Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC); Enrollment Dates for the Ports of Dundalk, MD; Minneapolis, MN; and St. Paul, MN

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration; United States Coast Guard; DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issues this notice of the dates for the beginning of the initial enrollment for the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) for the Ports of Dundalk, MD; Minneapolis, MN; and St. Paul, MN.

**DATES:** TWIC enrollment in Dundalk, Minneapolis, and St. Paul will begin on November 21, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may view published documents and comments concerning the TWIC Final Rule, identified by the docket numbers of this notice, using any one of the following methods.

(1) Searching the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Web page at <http://www.regulations.gov>;

(2) Accessing the Government Printing Office’s Web page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>; or

(3) Visiting TSA's Security Regulations Web page at <http://www.tsa.gov> and accessing the link for "Research Center" at the top of the page.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

James Orgill, TSA-19, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220. Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing (TTAC), TWIC Program, (571) 227-4545; e-mail: [credentialing@dhs.gov](mailto:credentialing@dhs.gov).

**Background**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the United States Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), issued a joint final rule (72 FR 3492; January 25, 2007) pursuant to the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA), Pub. L. 107-295, 116 Stat. 2064 (November 25, 2002), and the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 (SAFE Port Act), Pub. L. 109-347 (October 13, 2006). This rule requires all credentialed merchant mariners and individuals with unescorted access to secure areas of a regulated facility or vessel to obtain a TWIC. In this final rule, on page 3510, TSA and Coast Guard stated that a phased enrollment approach based upon risk assessment and cost/benefit would be used to implement the program nationwide, and that TSA would publish a notice in the **Federal Register** indicating when enrollment at a specific location will begin and when it is expected to terminate.

This notice provides the start date for TWIC initial enrollment at the Ports of Dundalk, MD; Minneapolis, MN; and St. Paul, MN only. Enrollment in these ports begin on November 21, 2007. The Coast Guard will publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** indicating when facilities within the Captain of the Port Zone Baltimore, including those in the Port of Dundalk, MD; and Captain of the Port Zone Duluth, including those in the Ports of Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN must comply with the portions of the final rule requiring TWIC to be used as an access control measure. That notice will be published at least 90 days before compliance is required.

To obtain information on the pre-enrollment and enrollment process, and enrollment locations, visit TSA's TWIC Web site at <http://www.tsa.gov/twic>.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on November 9, 2007.

**Stephen Sadler,**

*Director, Maritime and Surface Credentialing, Office of Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing, Transportation Security Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Bureau of Customs and Border Protection**

**Notice of Availability and Public Open House Announcement for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of Tactical Infrastructure, U.S. Border Patrol, Rio Grande Valley Sector, Texas**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announces that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is available for public review and comment. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* (NEPA), CBP has prepared a Draft EIS to identify and assess the potential impacts associated with the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of tactical infrastructure, to include pedestrian fence, access roads, and patrol roads along approximately 70 miles of the U.S./Mexico international border within the U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) Rio Grande Valley Sector, Texas (the Proposed Action).

**DATES:** The Draft EIS will be available for public review and comment on November 16, 2007 and all comments must be received by December 31, 2007.

A public open house will be held on December 11, 2007, at the McAllen Convention Center in McAllen, TX. A second public open house will be held on December 12, 2007, at the Brownsville Events Center in Brownsville, TX. Each public open house will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please refer to the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for more information.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Draft EIS can be downloaded by visiting [www.BorderFenceNEPA.com](http://www.BorderFenceNEPA.com), or <https://ecso.swf.usace.army.mil/Pages/PublicReview.cfm>, or requested by emailing: [information@BorderFenceNEPA.com](mailto:information@BorderFenceNEPA.com).

To request a hard copy of the Draft EIS, you may call toll-free 1-877-752-0420. Alternatively, written requests for information may be submitted to: Charles McGregor, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Construction Support Office, 819 Taylor St., Room 3B10, Fort Worth, Texas 76102; *phone:* (817) 886-1585; and *fax:* (757) 282-7697. Hard copies of the Draft EIS can be reviewed at the McAllen Memorial Library (601 N. Main St., McAllen, TX 78501, (956) 688-3300); Speer Memorial Library (801 E. 12th St., Mission, TX 78572, (956) 580-8750); Brownsville Public Library (2600 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520, (956) 548-1055); Rio Grande City Public Library (591 E. Canales St., Rio Grande City, TX 78582, (956) 487-4389); Weslaco Public Library (525 S. Kansas Ave., Weslaco, TX 78596, (956) 968-4533); Mercedes Memorial Library (434 S. Ohio Ave., Mercedes, TX 78570, (956) 565-2371); Harlingen Public Library (410 76 Dr., Harlingen, TX 78550, (956) 216-5802); and San Benito Public Library (101 W. Rose St., San Benito, TX 78586, (956) 361-3860).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Charles McGregor, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Construction Support Office, 819 Taylor St., Room 3B10, Fort Worth, Texas 76102; *phone:* (817) 886-1585; and *fax:* (757) 282-7697.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On September 24, 2007, CBP published a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 54276) for the Proposed Action. This EIS is being prepared to comply with NEPA; the Council on Environmental Quality regulations in 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508; and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Management Directive 5100.1, *Environmental Planning Program*.

The mission of CBP is to prevent terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the U.S., while also facilitating the flow of legitimate trade and travel. In supporting CBP's mission, USBP is charged with establishing and maintaining effective control of the border of the U.S. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide USBP agents with the tools necessary to strengthen their control of the U.S. border between Ports of Entry in the Rio Grande Valley Sector. The Proposed Action also provides a safer work environment and enables USBP agents to enhance response time.

The Proposed Action includes the installation of tactical infrastructure in