

committee provides local expertise on communication, surveillance, traffic control, anchorages, aids to navigation and other topics relating to navigational safety on the Lower Mississippi River to the Coast Guard.

The Committee meets at least four times a year in the New Orleans area. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

We will consider applications for twenty-four positions that expire or become vacant on May 30, 2008. To be eligible you should have expertise in navigation safety, waterways management, vessel traffic service and management, shipboard operations or facility operations.

Each member serves for a term of 2 years. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or any other compensation from the Federal Government.

Vacancies to be filled are for:

(1) Five members representing River Port Authorities between Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the Head of Passes of the Lower Mississippi River, of which one member shall be from the Port of St. Bernard and one member from the Port of Plaquemines.

(2) Two members representing vessel owners or ship owners domiciled in the State of Louisiana.

(3) Two members representing organizations that operate harbor tugs or barge fleets in the geographical area covered by the Committee.

(4) Two members representing companies which transport cargo or passengers on the navigable waterways in the geographical area covered by the Committee.

(5) Three members representing State Commissioned Pilot organizations, with one member each representing the New Orleans/Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association, and the Associated Branch Pilots Association.

(6) Two at-large members who utilize water transportation facilities located in the geographical area covered by the Committee.

(7) Three members representing consumers, shippers, or importers/exporters that utilize vessels that operate on the navigable waterways covered by the Committee.

(8) Two members representing those licensed merchant mariners, other than pilots, who perform shipboard duties on vessels which utilize the navigable waterways covered by the Committee.

(9) One member representing an organization that serves in a consulting

or advisory capacity to the maritime industry.

(10) One member representing an environmental organization.

(11) One member representing the general public.

In support of the policy of the Coast Guard on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

If you are selected as a member who represents the general public, we will require you to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). We may not release the report or the information in it to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Dated: January 9, 2007.

**J.H. Horn,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, 8th Coast Guard District, Acting.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0008]

#### Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) and its working groups will meet in Galveston, Texas to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, area projects impacting safety on the Houston Ship Channel, and various other navigation safety matters in the Galveston Bay area. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The next meeting of HOGANSAC will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting of the Committee's working groups will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard five (5) working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made. Requests to have a copy of your materials distributed to each member of the committee or working group should reach the Coast Guard at least ten (10) working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made.

**ADDRESSES:** The full Committee will meet at Marine Safety Unit Galveston,

2101 FM 2004, Texas City, Texas 77591, (409)-978-2700. The working groups meeting will be held at the Houston Pilots Association, 8150 South Loop East, Houston, Texas 77011-1747, (713)-645-9620. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to LT Sean Hughes, Assistant to the Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, 9640 Clinton Drive, Houston, Texas 77029. This notice is available in our online docket, USCG-2008-0008, <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). Written materials and requests to make presentations should be sent to Commanding Officer, Sector Houston/Galveston, Attn: LT Hughes.

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

#### Agendas of the Meetings

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

(1) Opening remarks by the Committee Sponsor (RADM Whitehead) or the Committee Sponsor's representative, Executive Director (CAPT Diehl) and Chairperson (Ms. Tava Foret).

(2) Approval of the 13 September, 2007 and 27 November, 2007 minutes.

(3) Old Business:

(a) Navigation Operations (NAVOPS)/Maritime Incident Review subcommittee report;

(b) Deep Draft Entry Facilitation (DDEF) subcommittee report;

(c) Dredging subcommittee report;

(d) Technology subcommittee report;

(e) Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) Liaison's report;

(f) Harbor of Safe Refuge subcommittee report;

(g) HOGANSAC Outreach report;

(h) Maritime Awareness subcommittee report.

(4) New Business:

*Working Groups Meeting.* The tentative agenda for the working groups meeting includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each working group of its accomplishments and plans for the future;

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each working group;

(3) Put forth any action items for consideration at full committee meeting.

## Procedural

Working groups have been formed to examine the following issues: Dredging and related issues, electronic navigation systems, AtoN knockdowns, impact of passing vessels on moored ships, boater education issues, facilitating deep draft movements, mooring infrastructure, and safe refuge during hurricanes. Not all working groups will provide a report at this session. Further, working group reports may not necessarily include discussions on all issues within the particular working group's area of responsibility.

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the chairs discretion members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard five (5) working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than ten (10) working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meetings, please submit your request along with nineteen (19) copies of the materials to the Coast Guard at least ten (10) working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made.

## Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Secretary or Assistant to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible.

Dated: January 14, 2008.

**J.H.Korn,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, 8th Coast Guard District, Acting.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Transportation Security Administration

#### Advance Notice of Availability of Security Improvement Grants and Application Process

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** DHS is announcing that it will issue guidance and accept

applications for surface transportation security improvement grants and that applicants must submit the applications pursuant to procedures to be made available on or about February 1, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** E-mail: [TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### New and Extended Programs

On or about February 1, 2008, DHS will announce a new grant program for the freight rail industry and extensions of, and possible changes to, two existing surface transportation grant programs: Trucking (Trucking Security Program or TSP) and Intercity Bus (Intercity Bus Security Grant Program or IBSGP). By this notice, DHS is encouraging entities owning, operating, or having interest in systems in these transportation sectors to review the forthcoming guidance and, as appropriate, apply for grants under the programs.

DHS will soon be initiating a new grant program called the Freight Rail Security Grant Program (FRSGP). It is a component of the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP), which is a part of DHS's FY 2008 Infrastructure Protection Program (IPP). The FRSGP was created as a result of the "Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007" (9/11 Commission Act), Public Law 110-53. Sec. 1513 of the 9/11 Commission Act directs DHS to make funds for security improvement grants available to certain entities involved in or with the freight railroad industry and specifies the uses to which the funds may be applied.

At the same time that DHS announces grant guidance, DHS will announce extensions of the existing TSP and the IBSGP. Currently, TSP funds are used to service an anti-terrorism and security awareness program for professionals and operating entities within the highway sector to include: (1) Participant identification and recruitment; (2) training; (3) communications; and (4) information analysis and distribution. Per The Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying HR 2764 the FY 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, the FY 2008 program must be a competitive program and open to any entity that can demonstrate the financial and resource capabilities to service the program within the highway sector. The IBSGP awards funds to expand security for bus services to fixed route over-the-road buses and charter bus operations with a minimum of 50 trips into an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdiction. An UASI jurisdiction is defined in the Homeland Security Grant Program

(HSGP) FY 2008 Program Guidelines and Application Kit.

#### General Information

In grant guidance to be released on or about February 1, 2008, DHS will identify the categories of freight rail, trucking, and intercity bus entities that are eligible for funding under the programs and the uses to which funding may be applied. With respect to the TSP and IBSGP, eligibility will not necessarily be limited to entities that have been eligible for funding under previous DHS grant programs.

To apply for grant funding under the FRSGP, TSP, or IBSGP, each eligible applicant must first register as a grant applicant with the Federal government at <http://www.grants.gov>. Several additional steps are required to complete this registration, including registering with the Central Contractor Registration (<http://www.ccr.gov>) and obtaining a Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) number. Please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) for more detailed information about this registration process. Please be advised that the entire process can take several weeks. DHS will also post additional information about registration when we issue the grant guidance on or about February 1, 2008. After that date, you may obtain an electronic copy of the grant guidance at <http://www.tsa.gov/grants>.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on January 24, 2008.

**John Sammon,**

*Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management.*

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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 Louisville, KY; Ashtabula, OH; Everett, WA; Lorain, OH; Sault St. Marie, MI; Port Everglades, FL; Nashville, TN; Oswego, NY; LaPlata, MD; and Portland, ME**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the