DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Customs and Border Protection

Customs and Border Protection Trade Symposium 2008: “Global Trade: Continuity Through Transition”

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

ACTION: Notice of Trade Symposium.

SUMMARY: This document announces that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will convene its annual trade symposium, featuring panel discussions involving department personnel, members of the trade community and other government agencies, on the agency’s role in international trade initiatives and programs. Members of the international trade and transportation communities and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DATES: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 (opening remarks and panel discussions beginning at 1 p.m. and open forum with senior management (6 p.m.–8 p.m.)). Thursday, October 30, 2008 (panel discussions—8 a.m.–5 p.m.). Friday, October 31, 2008 (panel discussions ending by 1 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: The CBP Trade Symposium will be held at the JW Marriott, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Upon entry into the building, take elevators downstairs to the ballroom level.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of International Affairs and Trade Relations at (202) 344–1440, or at traderelations@dhs.gov. To obtain the latest information on the Symposium and to register on-line, visit the CBP Web site at http://www.cbp.gov. Requests for special needs should be sent to the Office of International Affairs and Trade Relations at traderelations@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the Trade Symposium and the keynote speaker will be announced at a later date on the CBP Web site. The cost is $250.00 per person, and includes all Symposium activities. Interested parties are requested to register early, as space is limited. Registration will open to the public on or about September 2, 2008. All registrations must be made on-line at the CBP Web site (http://www.cbp.gov) and will be confirmed with payment by credit card only.

Consideration will be given, in a first come, first served order, based on space availability. Due to the overwhelming interest to attend the Symposium, each company is requested to limit their company’s registrations to three participants, in order to afford equal representation from all members of the international trade community. If a company exceeds the limitation, any additional names submitted for registration will automatically be placed on the waiting list.

Hotel accommodations have been reserved at two hotels in downtown Washington, DC. The JW Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, has reserved a block of rooms for Wednesday through Friday, October 29–31, 2008, at the rate of U.S. $319.00 per night. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel by September 29th at 1–800–393–2503 or 202–393–2000, referencing “CBP Trade Symposium,” or on-line at http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasjw?groupCode=USGUSGA&app=revsLink&fromDates=10/29/08&toDate=11/1/08. The Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, has reserved a block of rooms for Wednesday through Friday, October 29–31, 2008, at the rate of U.S. $201.00 per night. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel by September 30, 2008 at 1–800–421–1442, referencing “CBP Trade Symposium,” or on-line at https://resweb.passkey.com/resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=70111&fromResdesk=true.

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U.S. Geological Survey

Agency Information Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a new collection.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we will submit to OMB a new Information Collection Request (ICR) for approval of the paperwork requirements for the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program—EDMAP (NCGMP–EDMAP). This notice provides the public an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of this collection.

DATES: You must submit comment on or before October 27, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments to the IC to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collections Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 2150–C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); (970) 226–9230 (fax); or ppounds@usgs.gov (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028—NEW, NCGMP–EDMAP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randall Orndorff, Associate Program Coordinator (STATEMAP and EDMAP), National Cooperative Geological Mapping Program, USGS Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 908 (mail); at 703–648–4316 (telephone); or rorndorff@usgs.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program—EDMAP (NCGMP–EDMAP).

OMB Control Number: 1028—NEW.

Correction: This notice was originally published on August 19, 2008, Volume 73, number 161, pages 48388-48389. The corrections are as follows: the day to submit comments was incorrect and should have given the public 60 instead of 30 days to respond to this notice. The second correction further justified the estimate burden for the project and the estimated number of grant recipients and that the overall burden would not be increased because the recipients will not prepare final reports as a requirement of this award.

Abstract: EDMAP is the component of the NCGMP that trains the next generation of geologic mappers. The NCGMP allocates funds to colleges and universities in the United States and Puerto Rico through an annual competitive grant process. Every Federal dollar that is awarded is matched with university funds. Geology professors, who are skilled in geologic mapping, request EDMAP funding to support undergraduate and graduate students at their college or university in a one-year mentored geologic mapping project that focuses on a specific geographic area.

Since 1996, more than $4 million from the NCGMP have supported geologic mapping efforts of more than 600 students working with more than 214 professors at 131 universities in 44 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Funds for graduate projects are limited to $15,000 with undergraduate project funds limited to $7,500. These funds are used to cover field expenses and map production, but not faculty salaries. The college or university matches the EDMAP funding. The authority for the program is listed...