ACTION: 60-day Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) invites the general public to comment on a new data collection form for the DHS Science and Technology Directorate’s Project 25 (P25) Compliance Assessment Program (CAP): Supplier’s Declaration of Compliance (SDoC) (DHS Form 10044) and Summary Test Report. The attacks of September 11, 2001, and the destruction of Hurricane Katrina made apparent the need for emergency response radio systems that can interoperate, regardless of which organization manufactured the equipment. In response, and per congressional direction, DHS and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) developed the P25 CAP to improve the emergency response community’s confidence in purchasing land mobile radio (LMR) equipment built to P25 LMR standards. The P25 CAP establishes a process for ensuring that equipment complies with P25 standards and is capable of interoperating across manufacturers.

The Department of Homeland Security needs to be able to collect essential information from manufacturers on their products that have met P25 standards as demonstrated through the P25 CAP. Equipment suppliers will provide information to publicly attest to their products’ compliance with a specific set of P25 standards. Accompanied by a Summary Test Report that substantiates this declaration, the SDoC constitutes a company’s formal, public attestation of compliance with the standards for the equipment. In providing this information, companies will consent to making this information public. In turn, the emergency response community will use this information to identify P25-compliant communications systems.

The P25 CAP Program Manager will perform a simple administrative review to ensure the documentation is complete and accurate in accordance with the current P25 CAP processes. This notice and request for comments is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until December 8, 2008. Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection. Comments should be addressed to the PRA Coordinator for the Department of Homeland Security, Science & Technology Directorate, and sent via electronic mail to michael.bowerbank@associates.dhs.gov or faxed to 202–254–6171. Please include docket number [DHS–2008–0062] in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Bowerbank, 202–254–6895 (Note: This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SDoC and Summary Test Report forms will be posted on the SAFECOM Web site at http://www.safeecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM/currentprojects/project25cap/project25cap.htm. The forms will be available in Adobe PDF format. The supplier may complete the forms electronically or by hand. The completed forms may then be submitted via fax, e-mail, or mail to the Office for Interoperability and Compatibility P25 CAP Program Manager.

Overview of Information Collection:
(1) Type of Information Collection: New information collection.
(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program Agency Form Number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection: DHS Science & Technology Directorate, DHS Form 10044 (04/08).
(3) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Businesses; the data will be gathered from manufacturers of radio systems who wish to declare that their products are compliant with P25 standards for radio systems.
(4) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:
   a. Estimate of the total number of respondents: 10.
   b. An estimate of the time for an average respondent to respond: 1.0 burden hour.

Dated: September 18, 2008.

Kenneth D. Rogers,
Chief Information Officer, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory


ACTION: Notice of accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, Intertek USA, Inc., 801 West Orchard St., Suite 5, Bellingham, WA 98225, has been approved to gauge and accredited to test petroleum and petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344–1060. The inquiry may also be sent to cbp.labho@dhs.gov. Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories.

http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/labs_scientific_svcs/commercial_gaugers/

DATES: The accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as commercial gauger and laboratory became effective on March 14, 2007. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for March 2010.


Dated: October 2, 2008.

Ira S. Reese,
Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program: Extension of Application Due Date

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), Extension of Application Due Date.

SUMMARY: On July 10, 2008, HUD published the NOFA for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program. Through this NOFA, HUD is making available approximately $1.42 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 for the CoC program. On August 13, 2008, HUD published a notice that established the deadline date for the submission of applications and corrected or clarified portions of the CoC NOFA. Since that date, Hurricane Ike has greatly impacted Continuums of Care in Texas, Louisiana and other areas. In response to this disaster, today’s publication extends the deadline date for the submission of applications.

DATES: The application deadline date for the CoC NOFA is Thursday, October 23, 2008. Electronic applications must be received by e-snaps by 4 p.m. eastern time on the deadline date. HUD will close e-snaps at 4:01 p.m. eastern time. Similarly, paper applications from applicants granted a waiver from the electronic submission requirement must be received by HUD by 4 p.m. eastern time on the deadline date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Individuals may direct questions regarding the CoC NOFA to the HUD Field Office serving their area, at the telephone numbers shown in HUD’s FY2008 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA); Policy Requirements and General Section to HUD’s FY2008 NOFAs for Discretionary Programs (General Section) published on March 19, 2008 (73 FR 14883), or may contact the e-snaps Help Desk at 1-877-6esnaps (1-877–636–6277). Individuals who are hearing- or speech-impaired should use the Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339. These are toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On April 30, 2008 (73 FR 23483), HUD published its Notice of FY2008 Opportunity to Register and Other Important Information for Electronic Application Submission for Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs (CoC Early Registration Notice). The CoC Early Registration Notice alerted the public that HUD would require Continuums of Care to submit applications electronically, using e-snaps, an electronic system separate from Grants.gov. On July 10, 2008 (73 FR 39840), HUD published its CoC NOFA, making available approximately $1.42 billion in FY 2008 for the CoC program. The purpose of the CoC program is to reduce the incidence of homelessness in communities by assisting homeless individuals and families to move to self sufficiency and permanent housing. In the July 10, 2008, CoC NOFA, HUD stated that the application portion of the e-snaps system had not yet been launched and that HUD, as a result, was unable to establish a due date for the FY2008 CoC competition. HUD stated, however, that it would announce the application due date for the program through a separate Federal Register notice. On August 13, 2008 (73 FR 47205), HUD published a notice establishing the deadline date for the submission of applications and correcting or clarifying portions of the CoC NOFA published on July 10, 2008.

Today’s publication extends the deadline date for applications to Thursday, October 23, 2008. The change in the deadline date for applications is in response to Hurricane Ike, which severely impacted Continuums of Care in Texas, Louisiana and other areas, and made it difficult for applicants in those localities to meet the previously established deadline. Because the new e-snaps system currently does not allow for the application to be available to a subset of applicants at any given time, the extension will apply to all applicants.

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Susan D. Peppler, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.