3. Indirect Costs

This section applies to all grant recipients that request reimbursement of indirect costs in their grant application. In accordance with HHS Grants Policy Statement, Part II–27, IHS requires applicants to obtain a current indirect cost rate agreement prior to award. The rate agreement must be prepared in accordance with the applicable cost principles and guidance as provided by the cognizant agency or office. A current rate covers the applicable grant activities under the current award’s budget period. If the current rate is not on file with the DGO at the time of award, the indirect cost portion of the budget will be restricted. The restrictions remain in place until the current rate is provided to the DGO.

Generally, indirect costs rates for IHS grantees are negotiated with the Division of Cost Allocation http://rates.psc.gov/ and the Department of Interior (National Business Center) http://www.qgd.nbc.gov/indirect/ indirect.asp. If your organization has questions regarding the indirect cost policy, please call (301) 443–5204 to request assistance.

4. Reporting Requirements

The reporting requirements for this program are noted below.

A. Progress Reports

Program progress reports on number of tests performed and milestones are required semi-annually by the OUIHP in order to satisfy quarterly reports due to funding source at MAI. These reports will include a brief comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals established for the period, or if applicable, provide sound justification for lack of progress, reasons for unmet milestones (if applicable), and other pertinent information as required.

B. A Final Assessment and Evaluation Report must be submitted within 90 days of expiration of the budget/project period.

C. Semi-annual Financial Status Reports (FSR) must be submitted within 30 days after the six months period ends. Refer to the terms and conditions of the grant award for details on submission times. Final FSRs are due within 90 days after the end of the project period. Standard Form 269 (long form for those reporting on program income; short form for all others) will be used for financial reporting.

D. Participation in a minimum of two teleconferences. Teleconferences will be required semi-annually (unless further followup is needed) for technical assistance and information to be provided and progress to be shared among grantees with the OUIHP and National HIV Program Consultant.

E. Federal Cash Transaction Reports are due every calendar quarter to the Division Payment Management, Payment Management Branch. Failure to submit timely reports may cause a disruption in timely payments to the grantee.

Grantees are responsible and accountable for accurate reporting of the Progress Reports and Financial Status Reports which are generally due (semi-annually/annually). Financial Status Reports (SF–269) are due 90 days after each budget period and the final SF–269 must be verified from the grantee records on how the value was derived.

Failure to submit required reports within the time allowed may result in suspension or termination of an active agreement, withholding of additional awards for the project, or other enforcement actions such as withholding of payments or converting to the reimbursement method of payment. Continued failure to submit required reports may result in one or both of the following: (1) The imposition of special award provisions; and (2) the non-funding or non-award of other eligible projects or activities. This requirement applies whether the delinquency is attributable to the failure of the grantee organization or the individual responsible for preparation of the reports.

Telecommunication for the hearing impaired is available at: TTY (301) 443–6394.

VII. Agency Contacts

Grants (Business): Kimberly Pendleton, Grants Management Officer, 801 Thompson Avenue, TMP Suite 360, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443–5204 or Kimberly.Pendleton@ihs.gov.

Program (Programmatic/Technical): Danielle Steward, Health Systems Specialist, Office of Urban Indian Health Programs, 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443–4680 or danielle.steward@ihs.gov.

The Public Health Service (PHS) strongly encourages all grant and contract recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103–227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of the facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care or early childhood development services are provided to children. This is consistent with the HHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.


Yvette Roubideaux,
Director, Indian Health Service.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Ticket No. USCG–2010–0088]

Towing Safety Advisory Committee; Meetings

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Towing Safety Advisory Committee and its working group on the Revision of Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular 04–01 will meet in New Orleans, LA. The Committee will also discuss various issues relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The working group will meet on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The full Committee will meet on, Wednesday, March 10, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations at the meetings should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 2, 2010. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Committee or working groups should reach the Coast Guard electronically on or before March 2, 2010.


Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to TSAC’s Assistant Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section below. This notice is available on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov under the docket number USCG–2010–0086.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael J. Harmon, ADFO, TSAC, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, CG–5222; 2100 Second Street, SW., STOP 7126, Washington, DC 20593–7126. Telephone (202) 372–1427, fax (202) 372–1926, or e-mail at: Michael.J.Harmon@USCG.MIL.

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

Agenda of Meetings

Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 04–01 Working Group. The agenda for the working group is to continue discussions on possible revisions to NVIC 04–01, Licensing and Manning for Officers of Towing Vessels, including the enclosures on the Towing Officer Assessment Records (TOARs). (A copy of the amended Task Statement 08–01 is available in the docket where listed under ADDRESSES.) The current version of the NVIC can be viewed at http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/2000s.ASP#2001.

Towing Safety Advisory Committee. The tentative agenda for the Committee is as follows:

(1) Update on Commercial/Recreational Boating Interface;
(2) Report on the Review and Recommendations for the Revision of NVIC 04–01 “Licensing and Manning for Officers of Towing Vessels;”
(3) Report on the Review and Recommendations for the Revision of NVIC 04–01 Sub-Working Group on Assistance Towing;
(4) Update on National Maritime Center (NMC) activities;
(5) Report on Mariner credentialing policy including the Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee;
(6) Update on the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC);
(7) Update on Office of Vessel Activities information; and
(8) Discuss a Member recommended Task to examine the career path from Towing Vessel Master (Master 1600 GT) to Inland Mate Any Gross Tons.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair’s discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the ADFO, listed above in the “FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT” section, no later than March 2, 2010. Written material (20 copies) for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than March 2, 2010. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Committee or Working Groups in advance of a meeting, please submit it electronically to the ADFO, for e-mail distribution, no later than March 2, 2010. Also at the Chair’s discretion, members of the public may present comment at the end of the Public Meeting. Please understand that the Committee’s schedule may be quite demanding and time for public comment may be limited.

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 ADFO as soon as possible.


J. G. Lantz,
Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Mitigation of Carrier Fines for Transporting Aliens Without Proper Documents; Modification of Memorandum of Understanding and Recalculation of Performance Levels To Measure Carrier Performance; CBP Dec. 09–06

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

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: A carrier that transports to the United States an alien who does not have a valid passport and an unexpired visa, as required under applicable law, is subject to a fine for each alien transported lacking the required documentation. Pursuant to statute and regulations, a carrier may receive a reduction, refund, or waiver of the fine upon submission of an application for such relief supported by evidence that it screened all passengers on the conveyance providing the transport (flight or voyage). Alternatively, pursuant to statute and regulations, if a carrier that enters into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), agreeing to follow procedures set forth in the MOU, commits a violation and becomes subject to a penalty, such carrier would not have to apply for a reduction of the fine, but would be eligible for an automatic reduction. This notice announces that CBP has made changes to the existing MOU and has recalculated and reset the performance levels CBP will use to measure carrier performance of its travel document screening responsibilities pursuant to the MOU. The revised MOU is appended to this notice.

DATES: CBP will commence applying the revised performance levels explained in this document for all carriers, signatory to the MOU and non-signatory, on April 23, 2010. Although a carrier may submit a signed revised MOU any time after February 22, 2010, CBP will begin accepting (as explained in this document) signed revised MOU’s on April 23, 2010. All terms of the MOU (except for performance levels) will take effect for the carrier that submitted the MOU on the date of acceptance by CBP. CBP will discontinue automatic processing of reduced fines based on the expired MOU practice on April 23, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the revised MOU may be obtained by writing to Mr. Dennis McKenzie, Director, Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures Division, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations, Room 5.2C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229, and through the following e-mail address: Dennis.McKenzie@dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dennis McKenzie, Director, Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures Division, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations: (202) 344–2730; Dennis.McKenzie@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose of this Notice

Section 273 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. 1323), herein referenced as INA section 273, provides that it is unlawful for a transportation company to bring to the United States from any place outside the United States (other than from a foreign contiguous territory) any alien who does not have a valid passport and an unexpired visa, if a visa is required under the INA or regulations issued pursuant to the INA (INA section 273(a)(1)). INA section 273 further provides that a transportation company that violates this provision will be subject to a fine for each alien brought into the United States without the required documentation. INA section 273(b). Further, no fine shall be remitted or refunded unless