CDC Director on infectious disease issues; (2) assists the CDC Director in formulating and communicating strategic initiatives and policies; (3) informs the CDC Director about key infectious disease issues; (4) represents the CDC Director externally on infectious disease issues; (5) provides strategic leadership to CDC’s infectious disease national centers; (6) develops overall strategic directions, sets priorities, and promotes science, policies, and programs related to infectious diseases; (7) ensures that agency-wide decisions on resource allocation are aligned with infectious disease priorities; (8) works with infectious disease national centers, other CDC centers and offices, and public health partners to develop and implement infectious disease goals and objectives; (9) identifies infectious disease issues of public health importance and launches strategic initiatives to address them, including developing shared goals and monitoring progress and accomplishments; (10) recruits and supports an efficient, effective, and vibrant work force, and fosters a safe and healthy work environment; (11) enhances cooperation, collaboration, and partnerships across multiple sectors, domestically and globally; (12) ensures integrity, transparency, and excellence in public health science and practice; (13) conducts ongoing evaluation and adjustment of infectious disease activities to ensure optimal effectiveness and efficiency; (14) promotes an environment that increases synergies and efficiencies and reduces duplication within CDC’s infectious disease programs; and (15) provides direction and leadership for external and internal program reviews of the infectious disease national centers’ initiatives, performance, and achievements.

Influenza Coordination Unit (CVA4). The mission of the Influenza Coordination Unit (ICU) is to synchronize all aspects of CDC’s pandemic influenza preparedness and response from strategy through implementation and evaluation. In carrying out its mission, the ICU: (1) Serves as the principal advisor to the CDC Director and Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases on pandemic influenza preparedness and response activities, assisting the Director and Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases in formulating and communicating strategic pandemic initiatives and policies; (2) provides strategic leadership for CDC in the areas of pandemic preparedness and response, including setting priorities and promoting science, policies, and programs related to pandemic influenza; (3) strategically manages a $150+ million budget and allocates funds across the agency to ensure appropriate resources for high priority areas; and (4) conducts ongoing evaluation and adjustment of pandemic preparedness and response activities, in coordination with the National Response Framework and other emergency preparedness guidance, to ensure optimal public health effectiveness and efficient use of human and fiscal resources.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration
[Docket No. TSA–2009–0018]

Extension of Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Certified Cargo Screening Program

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has forwarded the Information Collection Request (ICR), OMB control number 1652–0053, abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation is available at http://www.reginfo.gov. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Information Collection Requirement

Title: Certified Cargo Screening Program.

Type of Request: Renewal of one currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 1652–0053.
Form(s): The forms used for this collection of information include the CCSF Facility Profile Application (TSA Form 419B), CCSF Principal Attestation (TSA Form 419D), Security Profile (TSA Form 419E), Security Threat Assessment Application (TSA Form 419F), TSA Approved Validation Firms Application (TSA Form 419G), Aviation Security Known Shipper Verification (TSA Form 419H), CCSF Indirect Air Carrier Reporting Template, CCSF Shipper Reporting Template, and the CCSF Independent Cargo Screening Facility Reporting Template.

Affected Public: The collections of information that make up this ICR involve entities other than aircraft operators located off-airport and includes facilities upstream in the air cargo supply chain, such as shippers, manufacturers, warehousing entities, distributors, third party logistics companies and Indirect Air Carriers located in the United States.

Abstract: TSA is seeking the approval from OMB for the collections of information contained in the ICR. Congress identified specific requirements for TSA in the area of air cargo security in the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (ATSA), Public Law 107–71: (1) To provide for screening of all property, including U.S. mail, cargo, carry-on and checked baggage, and other articles, that will be carried aboard a passenger aircraft; and (2) to establish a system to screen, inspect, report, or otherwise ensure the security of all cargo that is to be transported on passenger aircraft as soon as practicable. In the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, Public Law 110–53, Congress requires that 50 percent of cargo transported on passenger aircraft is screened by February 2009, and 100 percent of such cargo is screened by August 2010.

TSA must proceed with the ICR for this program in order to meet the Congressional mandates, and current and new regulations (49 CFR 1522, 1542.209, 1544.205, 1546.205, 1548, and 1549) that enable them to accept, screen, and transport air cargo. The uninterrupted collection of this information will allow TSA to continue to ensure implementation of these vital security measures for the protection of the traveling public.

TSA will certify qualified facilities as CCSFs. Companies seeking to become CCSFs are required to submit an application to TSA at least 90 days before the intended date of operation. TSA will issue a modified security program that validation firms maintain timelines, and milestones on proposed projects.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e., the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 5, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and sent via electronic mail to oira.submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Office of Records Management, 1800 South Bell Street, Arlington, VA 20598–3003, facsimile number (202) 646–3347, or e-mail address FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Collection of Information


Type of information collection: New information collection.

OMB Number: 1660–NEW.

Form Titles and Numbers: FEMA Form—None.

Abstract: The Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) assist State and local governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities. The EMPG Work Plan narrative must demonstrate how proposed projects address gaps, deficiencies, and capabilities in current programs and the ability to provide enhancements consistent with the purpose of the program and guidance provided by FEMA. FEMA uses the information to provide details, timelines, and milestones on proposed projects.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA–2009–0001]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, OMB No. 1660–NEW; FEMA Preparedness Grants: Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice; 30–day notice and request for comments; new information; OMB No. 1660–NEW; FEMA Form—None.