DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2008–0009]

National Disaster Housing Task Force

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Disaster Housing Task Force (NDHTF) will meet by teleconference on December 15, 2010. At the meeting, the members will report on their work since the October 13, 2010 meeting and discuss the status of the NDHTF’s Concept of Operations document. This meeting will be open to the public via a teleconference line.

DATES: The teleconference will take place on December 15, 2010, from 1 p.m. EST to 2:00 p.m. EST. Comments must be submitted by December 17, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public who wish to obtain the call-in number, access code, and other information for listening to or participating in the public teleconference should contact Mitchell Wyllins, National Disaster Housing Task Force, 500 C Street, SW., (Room 428), Washington, DC 20472–3100, telephone 202–646–3173, and e-mail mailto: NDHTF@dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mitchell Wyllins, National Disaster Housing Task Force, 500 C Street, SW., (Room 428), Washington, DC 20472–3100, telephone 202–646–3173, and e-mail mailto: NDHTF@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NDHTF will meet for the purpose of reviewing the progress of the NDHTF’s Concept of Operations, which was released for public comment.

Public Attendance

The teleconference is open to the public but will be a listen-only line, unless a specific request is made to present comments during the teleconference. To make such a request, contact Mitchell Wyllins as listed under the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT caption by December 14, 2010. Comments presented at the teleconference must relate directly to the NDHTF Concept of Operations document. Please note that vendor/contractor products/services will not be accepted for presentation during the teleconference.

Please note that the meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

Persons with disabilities who require special assistance should advise Mitchell Wyllins of their anticipated special needs as early as possible.

Closed captioning will be provided at the following link: http://www.fedrcc.us//Enter.aspx?EventID=1663550&CustomerID=321


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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National Disaster Housing Task Force Concept of Operations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting comments on the National Disaster Housing Task Force (NDHTF) Concept of Operations (CONOPS). The CONOPS describes the Federal coordination of disaster housing assistance in preparation for, response to and recovery from all levels of disasters, including catastrophic events. Additionally, it outlines the implementation of the National Disaster Housing Strategy (Strategy).

DATES: Comments must be received by January 10, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be identified by docket ID FEMA–2008–0009 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Please note that the proposed CONOPS is not a rulemaking and the Federal eRulemaking Portal is being utilized only as a mechanism for receiving comments.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mitchell Wyllins, National Disaster Housing Task Force, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472–3100, telephone 202–646–3173, and e-mail mailto: NDHTF@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice, which can be viewed by clicking on the “Privacy Notice” link in the footer of http://www.regulations.gov.

You may submit your comments and material by the methods specified under the ADDRESSES caption. Please submit your comments and any supporting material by only one means to avoid the receipt and review of duplicate submissions.

Docket: The proposed CONOPS is available in docket ID FEMA–2008–0009. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov and search for the docket ID. Submitted comments may also be inspected at FEMA, Office of Chief Counsel, Room
II. Background

The NDHTF CONOPS explains the Federal Government’s normal disaster housing support role in operational terms, along with the Federal Government’s responsibility to maintain readiness to assume a greater role in housing disaster survivors when required. It conveys national guidance, operating principles, and a vision for public (Federal, State, Tribal, local), and individual coordination. It defines the roles, programs, authorities, and responsibilities of all entities, emphasizing the cooperative efforts required for disaster survivors and affected communities to recover from a disaster. Additionally, the CONOPS outlines the national activities that will be pursued in moving toward accomplishing the goals of the Strategy. Implementing the Strategy strengthens the Nation’s collective capability and resolve to fulfill all partner responsibilities to the American people in times of disaster or emergency, regardless of cause, scope, or complexity. The CONOPS describes how the NDHTF intends to connect critical programs, based in a wide variety of Federal agency authorities, to produce a unified effort.

Congress mandated that FEMA create the Strategy in the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006, Public Law 109–295. The Strategy, published in January 2009 and available at http://www.regulations.gov under docket ID FEMA–2008–0009, frames the full range of options that unified disaster housing efforts should consider to better meet the needs of disaster survivors and affected communities. The Strategy calls for the establishment of the NDHTF to provide a full-time, multi-agency focus on disaster housing related issues, to elevate the significance of disaster housing preparedness in all jurisdictions, and to oversee implementation of the Strategy. Additionally, the Strategy sets the goal of the NDHTF to create this CONOPS through a collaborative process among the various local, State, Tribal, and Federal partners, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to meet the needs of all disaster survivors.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form I–601, Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request


On November 30, 2010, USCIS published a 60-day notice in the Federal Register at 75 FR 74071, mistakenly announcing the revision of the Form I–601. The 60-day notice should have announced that USCIS was requesting comments on extending the use of the Form I–601. This notice corrects that error. However, during this 60 day period, USCIS will be evaluating whether to revise the Form I–601. Should USCIS decide to revise Form I–601 we will advise the public when we publish the 30-day notice in the Federal Register in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The public will then have 30 days to comment on any revisions to the Form I–601.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will be submitting the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until February 7, 2011.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Products Division, Clearance Office, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 5012, Washington, DC 20529–2020. Comments may also be submitted by DHS via facsimile to 202–272–0907, or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov. When submitting comments by e-mail, please add the OMB Control Number 1615–0029 in the subject box.

Note: The address listed in this notice should only be used to submit comments concerning the extension of the Form I–601. Please do not submit requests for individual case status inquiries to this address. If you are seeking information about the status of your individual case, please check “My Case Status” online at https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/Dashboard, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1–800–375–5283 (TTY 1–800–767–1833).

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Evaluate whether the collection of information 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 agencies estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved information collection.
2. Title of the Form/Collection: Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility.
4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or Households. The information collected on this form is used by U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to determine whether the applicant is eligible for a waiver of excludability under section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
5. An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 13,676 responses at 1½ hours per response.