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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Direct all written comments to both the Department of Homeland Security and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the above addresses. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Paperwork Reduction Act Contact listed above. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

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

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(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 submissions of responses.

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, Preparedness Directorate, Office of Grants and Training, Assistance to Firefighters Program Office.

Title: Application for Assistance to Firefighters Grants.

OMB Number: 3067-0285.

Frequency: Annual.

Affected Public: Fire departments; not-for-profit institutions; local or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000 applicants; 7,000 awardees.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 12 hours for application; 4 hours for administration.

Total Burden Hours: 300,000 hours for applications; 28,000 hours for grantee administration.

Total Burden Cost: Application phase: \$4,500,000 annually (300,000 hours @ \$15.00 per hour); administration phase: \$420,000 (28,000 hours @ \$15.00 per hour).

Description: Information sought under this submission will comprise the grant application for Assistance to Firefighters Grants. This submission is necessary in

order for Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to effectively implement a competitive grant program.

Dated: October 19, 2006.

Charlie Church,

Chief Information Officer, Preparedness Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

United States Fire Academy; Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection Request

AGENCY: DHS, Preparedness Directorate, National Fire Academy.

ACTION: Notice; 60-day notice request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) invites the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on approved information collection request (ICR) OMB 1660-0002, General Admissions Applications and related forms. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), DHS is soliciting comments for the approved information collection request.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 26, 2006 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: NFA, Attn: Clarence White, Program Analyst, NETC Management, Operations and Support Services, U.S. Fire Administration, (301) 447-1055 (this is not a toll-free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Attn: Clarence White, Program Analyst, NETC Management, Operations and Support Services, U.S. Fire Administration, (301) 447-1055 (this is not a toll-free number). Or write to NFA, Attn: Clarence White, Program Analyst, National Emergency Training Center, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727-8998.

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Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, Preparedness Directorate, National Fire Academy, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Title: General Admissions Application (Long and Short) and Stiped Forms.

OMB Number: 1660-0002.

Frequency of Response: Submitted by applicants when applying for a class.

Affected Public: Individuals in the emergency services in Federal, state, tribal, and local government, volunteer organizations, or private industry.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

FEMA Form 75-5, General Admissions Application—15,000 Responses

FEMA Form 75-5a, General Admissions Application, Short Form—60,000 Responses

FEMA Form 75-5 (automated), General Admissions Application—10,000 Responses

FEMA Form 75-5a (automated), General Admissions Application, Short Form—15,000 Responses

FEMA Form 75-3 and 75-3a, Student Stipend Agreement and Student Stipend Agreement (Amendment)—8,000 Responses

FEMA Form 95-22, National Fire Academy—Executive Fire Officer Program Application for Admission 400 Responses

Estimated Time per Respondent:

FEMA Form 75-5, General Admissions Application—9 minutes

FEMA Form 75-5a, General Admissions Application, Short Form—6 minutes

FEMA Form 75-5 (automated), General Admissions Application—8 minutes

FEMA Form 75-5a (automated), General Admissions Application, Short Form—5 minutes

FEMA Form 75-3 and 75-3a, Student Stipend Agreement and Student Stipend Agreement (Amendment)—2 minutes

FEMA Form 95-22, National Fire Academy—Executive Fire Officer Program Application for Admission—10 minutes

Estimated Burden Hours:

FEMA Form 75-5, General Admissions Application—2,250 hours

FEMA Form 75-5a, General Admissions Application, Short Form—6,000 hours

FEMA Form 75-5 (automated), General Admissions Application—1,333 hours

FEMA Form 75-5a (automated), General Admissions Application, Short Form—1,250 hours

FEMA Form 75-3 and 75-3a, Student Stipend Agreement and Student Stipend Agreement (Amendment)—267 hours

FEMA Form 95-22, National Fire Academy—Executive Fire Officer Program Application for Admission—67 hours

Total Burden Cost: This has been ongoing for over 20 years

Total Burden Cost: (operating/maintaining): \$2.73 per respondent, \$295,955 annually.

Description: Public Law 93-498, Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act, as amended, (15 U.S.C. 2201 *et seq.*) established the National Fire Academy (NFA) to “advance the professional development of fire service personnel and of other persons engaged in fire prevention and control activities* * *” and authorizes the Superintendent, NFA, to “conduct courses and programs of training and education* * *” Public Law 93-288, Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 5121-5206) authorizes the President to establish “a program of disaster preparedness that utilizes services of all appropriate agencies and includes* * *(2) training and exercises* * *” Under the authorities of Executive Order 12127 and 12148, as amended, The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, is responsible for carrying out the mandates of the public laws mentioned above. The Secretary established the National Emergency Training Center (NETC), located in Emmitsburg, Maryland, which houses both NFA and EMI. The data collection is used to (1) determine eligibility for courses and programs offered by NFA and EMI, (2) provide a consolidated record of all FEMA training taken by a student, (3) provide a transcript which

can be used by the student in requesting college credit or continuing education units for courses completed, and (4) to determine eligibility for student stipends. The Application Forms are available on line at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/training/nfa/about/attend/nfa-abt1c.shtm>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

Committee Management: Update on Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) Committee Membership

AGENCY: Preparedness Directorate, Office of Infrastructure Protection, DHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security announced the establishment of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) by Notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 24, 2006 (“First CIPAC Notice,” 71 FR 14930). That Notice identified the purpose of the committee as well as its membership. This Notice provides the quarterly update including instructions on how the public can obtain the most current roster of CIPAC membership.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brett Lambo, Infrastructure Programs Office, Infrastructure Partnerships Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, Preparedness Directorate, United States Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, telephone (703) 235-5311 or via e-mail at brett.lambo@dhs.gov.

Responsible DHS Official: Nancy J. Wong, Director, Infrastructure Programs Office, Infrastructure Partnerships Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, Preparedness Directorate, United States Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, telephone (703) 235-5349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CIPAC is intended to facilitate interaction between representatives of government and the community of critical infrastructure and key resources (CI/KR) owners and operators in each critical sector. As set forth in the CIPAC’s originating documents, it engages in: “Planning; coordination; security program implementation; operational activities related to critical

infrastructure protection security measures, including incident response, recovery, and reconstitution from events both man-made and naturally occurring; and the sharing of information about threats, vulnerabilities, protective measures, best practices, and lessons learned.”

CIPAC is designed to include as many of the owners and operators and the owner and operator representative trade associations deemed necessary by each sector’s Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) as participants in these activities. CIPAC Membership is comprised of the CI/KR owner and operator entities (and the trade associations that represent CI/KR owners and operators) which the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in conjunction with the Sector Specific Agency (SSA) (when different than DHS) recognizes as members of that sector’s Sector Coordinating Council (SCC). It also includes Federal, State, local, and tribal government agencies (or their representative bodies) that comprise the membership of the Government Coordinating Council (GCC) for each sector as recognized by DHS in conjunction with the Sector Specific Agency (SSA).

Owners and operators or trade associations representing the interests of owners and operators that own and invest in infrastructure assets, in the systems and processes to secure them, and that are held responsible by the public for their operations and the response and their recovery when their infrastructures or key resources are disrupted.

This Notice serves as a quarterly notice to provide instructions for obtaining the most current roster of CIPAC membership. The most recent membership roster is published on the CIPAC Web site (<http://www.dhs.gov/cipac>). That CIPAC Web site maintains an updated list of all Sector industry/institutional CIPAC membership and all government entities involved in CIPAC. Any member of the public may visit the Web site to learn about CIPAC membership, list of meetings and agendas.

Dated: October 12, 2006.

Nancy J. Wong,

Director, Infrastructure Programs Office, Infrastructure Partnerships Division, United States Department of Homeland Security.

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