

Procedural

Working groups have been formed to examine the following issues: Dredging and related issues, electronic navigation systems, AtoN knockdowns, impact of passing vessels on moored ships, boater education issues, facilitating deep draft movements, mooring infrastructure, and safe refuge during hurricanes. Not all working groups will provide a report at this session. Further, working group reports may not necessarily include discussions on all issues within the particular working group's area of responsibility.

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the chairs discretion members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard five (5) working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than ten (10) working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meetings, please submit your request along with nineteen (19) copies of the materials to the Coast Guard at least ten (10) working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made.

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 Executive Secretary or Assistant to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible.

Dated: January 14, 2008.

J.H.Korn,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, 8th Coast Guard District, Acting.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

Advance Notice of Availability of Security Improvement Grants and Application Process

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: DHS is announcing that it will issue guidance and accept

applications for surface transportation security improvement grants and that applicants must submit the applications pursuant to procedures to be made available on or about February 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E-mail: TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

New and Extended Programs

On or about February 1, 2008, DHS will announce a new grant program for the freight rail industry and extensions of, and possible changes to, two existing surface transportation grant programs: Trucking (Trucking Security Program or TSP) and Intercity Bus (Intercity Bus Security Grant Program or IBSGP). By this notice, DHS is encouraging entities owning, operating, or having interest in systems in these transportation sectors to review the forthcoming guidance and, as appropriate, apply for grants under the programs.

DHS will soon be initiating a new grant program called the Freight Rail Security Grant Program (FRSGP). It is a component of the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP), which is a part of DHS's FY 2008 Infrastructure Protection Program (IPP). The FRSGP was created as a result of the "Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007" (9/11 Commission Act), Public Law 110-53. Sec. 1513 of the 9/11 Commission Act directs DHS to make funds for security improvement grants available to certain entities involved in or with the freight railroad industry and specifies the uses to which the funds may be applied.

At the same time that DHS announces grant guidance, DHS will announce extensions of the existing TSP and the IBSGP. Currently, TSP funds are used to service an anti-terrorism and security awareness program for professionals and operating entities within the highway sector to include: (1) Participant identification and recruitment; (2) training; (3) communications; and (4) information analysis and distribution. Per The Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying HR 2764 the FY 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, the FY 2008 program must be a competitive program and open to any entity that can demonstrate the financial and resource capabilities to service the program within the highway sector. The IBSGP awards funds to expand security for bus services to fixed route over-the-road buses and charter bus operations with a minimum of 50 trips into an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdiction. An UASI jurisdiction is defined in the Homeland Security Grant Program

(HSGP) FY 2008 Program Guidelines and Application Kit.

General Information

In grant guidance to be released on or about February 1, 2008, DHS will identify the categories of freight rail, trucking, and intercity bus entities that are eligible for funding under the programs and the uses to which funding may be applied. With respect to the TSP and IBSGP, eligibility will not necessarily be limited to entities that have been eligible for funding under previous DHS grant programs.

To apply for grant funding under the FRSGP, TSP, or IBSGP, each eligible applicant must first register as a grant applicant with the Federal government at <http://www.grants.gov>. Several additional steps are required to complete this registration, including registering with the Central Contractor Registration (<http://www.ccr.gov>) and obtaining a Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) number. Please visit www.grants.gov for more detailed information about this registration process. Please be advised that the entire process can take several weeks. DHS will also post additional information about registration when we issue the grant guidance on or about February 1, 2008. After that date, you may obtain an electronic copy of the grant guidance at <http://www.tsa.gov/grants>.

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John Sammon,

Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

[Docket Nos. TSA-2006-24191; Coast Guard-2006-24196]

Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC); Enrollment Dates for the Ports of Louisville, KY; Ashtabula, OH; Everett, WA; Lorain, OH; Sault St. Marie, MI; Port Everglades, FL; Nashville, TN; Oswego, NY; LaPlata, MD; and Portland, ME

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration; United States Coast Guard; DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issues this notice of the dates for the beginning of the initial enrollment for the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) for the Ports of Louisville, KY; Ashtabula, OH; Everett, WA; Lorain, OH; Sault St. Marie, MI; Port Everglades, FL; Nashville, TN; Oswego, NY; LaPlata, MD; and Portland, ME.

DATES: TWIC enrollment begins in Louisville, Ashtabula, and Everett on February 6, 2008; Port Everglades, Nashville, and Oswego on February 8, 2008; LaPlata and Portland, on February 13, 2008; Lorain on February 20, 2008; and Sault St. Marie on February 21, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may view published documents and comments concerning the TWIC Final Rule, identified by the docket numbers of this notice, using any one of the following methods.

(1) Searching the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Web page at <http://www.regulations.gov>;

(2) Accessing the Government Printing Office's Web page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>; or

(3) Visiting TSA's Security Regulations Web page at <http://www.tsa.gov> and accessing the link for "Research Center" at the top of the page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Orgill, TSA-19, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220. Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing (TTAC), TWIC Program, (571) 227-4545; e-mail: credentialing@dhs.gov.

Background

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the United States Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), issued a joint final rule (72 FR 3492; January 25, 2007) pursuant to the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA), Pub. L. 107-295, 116 Stat. 2064 (November 25, 2002), and the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 (SAFE Port Act), Pub. L. 109-347 (October 13, 2006). This rule requires all credentialed merchant mariners and individuals with unescorted access to secure areas of a regulated facility or vessel to obtain a TWIC. In this final rule, on page 3510, TSA and Coast Guard stated that a phased enrollment approach based upon risk assessment and cost/benefit would be used to implement the program nationwide, and that TSA would publish a notice in the **Federal Register** indicating when enrollment at a specific location will

begin and when it is expected to terminate.

This notice provides the start date for TWIC initial enrollment at the Ports of Louisville, KY; Ashtabula, OH; and Everett, WA on February 6, 2008; Port Everglades, FL; Nashville, TN; and Oswego, NY on February 8, 2008; LaPlata, MD and Portland, ME on February 13, 2008; Lorain, OH on February 20, 2008; and Sault St. Marie, MI on February 21, 2008. The Coast Guard will publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** indicating when facilities within the Captain of the Port Zone Ohio Valley, including those in the Ports of Louisville and Nashville; Captain of the Port Zone Buffalo, including those in the Ports of Ashtabula and Oswego; Captain of the Port Zone Puget Sound, including those in the Port of Everett; Captain of the Port Zone Detroit, including those in the Port of Lorain; Captain of the Port Zone Sault St. Marie, including those in the Port of Sault St. Marie; Captain of the Port Zone Miami, including those in the Port of Port Everglades; Captain of the Port Zone Baltimore, including those in the Port of LaPlata; and Captain of the Port Zone Northern New England, including those in the Port of Portland must comply with the portions of the final rule requiring TWIC to be used as an access control measure. That notice will be published at least 90 days before compliance is required.

To obtain information on the pre-enrollment and enrollment process, and enrollment locations, visit TSA's TWIC Web site at <http://www.tsa.gov/twic>.

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Rex Lovelady,

Program Manager, TWIC, Office of Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing, Transportation Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances and Application for an Enhancement of Survival Permit for the Page Springsnail in Yavapai County, AZ

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Applicant), has applied to

the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival permit (TE-174351-0) pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (Act), as amended. The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize incidental take of the Page springsnail, *Pyrgulopsis morrisoni*, in the event it is listed, as a result of conservation actions, on-going fish hatchery operations, and the issuance of certificates of inclusion to other landowners. We invite public comment.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before February 28, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application, draft Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA), or other related documents may obtain a copy by written or telephone request to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Field Office, 2321 W. Royal Palm Rd. Ste. 103, Phoenix, Arizona 85021 (602/242-0210). Electronic copies of these documents will also be available for review on the Arizona Ecological Services Field Office Web site, <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/>. The application and documents related to application will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) at the Arizona Ecological Services Office. Comments concerning the application, draft CCAA, or other related documents should be submitted in writing to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Field Office, 2321 W. Royal Palm Rd. Ste. 103, Phoenix, Arizona 85021. Please refer to permit number TE-174351-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Martinez at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Field Office, 2321 W. Royal Palm Rd. Ste. 103, (602/242-0210 ext. 224), or by e-mail at mike_martinez@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we