

the Port prior to arrival into U.S. waters; and

- Ensure that each access point to the ship is guarded by armed, private security guards and that they have total visibility of the exterior (both landside and waterside) of the ship while in U.S. ports. The number and position of the guards has to be acceptable to the cognizant Coast Guard Captain of the Port prior to the vessel's arrival.

With this notice, the current list of countries not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures is as follows: Indonesia, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, and Mauritania.

Dated: February 18, 2008.

**Rear Admiral David Pekoske,**

*USCG Assistant Commandant For Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Transportation Security Administration

[Docket No. TSA-2006-24191]

#### Extension of Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Transportation Worker Identification Credential Program

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has forwarded the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval of an extension of the currently approved collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. TSA published a **Federal Register** notice, with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments, of the following collection of information on December 3, 2007, 72 FR 67945. The collection mechanisms include (1) a Disclosure Form that requires a TWIC applicant to certify his/her eligibility and provide basic biographic information and (2) a customer satisfaction survey that evaluates an applicant's entire enrollment experience.

**DATES:** Send your comments by March 26, 2008. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to 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 Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/TSA, and sent via electronic mail to [aira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:aira_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joanna Johnson, Communications Branch, Business Management Office, Operational Process and Technology, TSA-32, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220; telephone (571) 227-3651; facsimile (703) 603-0822.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

In accordance 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

TSA developed the TWIC program to mitigate security threats and vulnerabilities in the national maritime system. The TWIC is a biometric credential that is issued to all mariners and individuals who require unescorted access to maritime facilities and vessels. Before issuing an individual a credential, TSA performs a security threat assessment, which requires the collection of certain biographic and biometric information during the enrollment process. Each TWIC applicant must complete the TWIC

Disclosure and Certification Form. This form provides the applicant a Privacy Act Notice and a Paperwork Reduction Act Statement, explains how an applicant's biographic information will be used, and requires each applicant to certify his/her eligibility for a TWIC, as required in the TWIC final rule. The TWIC Enrollment Customer Satisfaction Survey is entirely voluntary. However, participation is recommended to all applicants in order to provide the government key insights regarding the quality of each applicant's enrollment experience (initial enrollment through completion of card activation). The data collected from the surveys will be used for process improvements and contractor performance reviews.

The TWIC program implements authorities set forth in the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA) (Pub. L. 107-295; Nov. 25, 2002; sec. 102), and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Pub. L. 109-59; Aug. 10, 2005; sec. 7105), codified at 49 U.S.C. 5103a(g). TSA and the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard) issued a joint final rule on January 25, 2007, cited in the **Federal Register**, 72 FR 3492.

Applicants may provide enrollment data electronically during an optional pre-enrollment step, via an enrollment Web site which streamlines the applicant's enrollment experience. Applicants who pre-enroll are able to provide all of the biographic information electronically that is required to complete enrollment and make an appointment at the enrollment center where enrollment must be completed in-person. During in-person enrollment, applicants pay the enrollment fee, complete a TWIC Disclosure and Certification Form (required of all applicants), provide and verify biographic information (if not already provided during pre-enrollment) and a complete set of fingerprints, and sit for a digital photograph. All applicants are required to provide acceptable documents to verify their identity and immigration status (if required) at this time as well. These documents are reviewed by the Trusted Agent and scanned into the electronic enrollment record. The current estimated annualized reporting burden is 1,353,100 hours and the estimated annualized cost burden is \$14,779,500 (low)/\$18,063,833 (high).

**Title:** Transportation Worker Identification Credential Program.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection mechanisms.

*OMB Control Number:* [1652-0047].  
*Form(s):* Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Disclosure Form and Certifications, and TWIC Enrollment Customer Service Survey.

*Affected Public:* Individuals applying for a TWIC.

*Abstract:* The data collected will be used for processing TWIC enrollment and conducting the security threat assessment. At the enrollment center, applicants verify their biographic information and provide identity documentation, biometric information, and proof of immigration status (if required). This information allows TSA to complete a comprehensive security threat assessment.

If TSA determines that the applicant is qualified to receive a TWIC, TSA notifies the applicant that their TWIC is ready for activation. Once activated, this credential will be used for identification verification and access control.

*Number of Respondents:* 777,000.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* An estimated 1,000,000 hours annually.

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**Fran Lozito,**

*Director, Business Management Office, Operational Process and Technology.*

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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 Marine City, MI; St. Ignace, MI; Palm Beach, FL; and St. Louis, MO

**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 Marine City, MI; St. Ignace, MI; Palm Beach, FL; and St. Louis, MO.

**DATES:** TWIC enrollment begins in Marine City and St. Louis on March 5, 2008; and St. Ignace and Palm Beach on March 6, 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 [www.regulations.gov](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](mailto: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 Marine City, MI; St. Ignace MI; Palm Beach, FL; and St. Louis, MO. Enrollment will begin in Marine City and St. Louis on March 5, 2008; and St. Ignace and Palm Beach on March 6, 2008. The Coast Guard will publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** indicating when facilities within the Captain of the Port Zone Detroit, including those in the Port of Marine City; Captain of the Port Zone Upper Mississippi River, including those in the Port of St. Louis; Captain of the Port Zone Sault Ste. Marie, including those in the Port of St. Ignace; and Captain of the Port Zone Miami, including those in

the Port of Palm Beach 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>.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on February 20, 2008.

**Rex Lovelady,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5187-N-05]

### Continuation of Interest Reduction Payments After Refinancing Section 236 Projects

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

Owners of section 236 projects may submit information to HUD to request continuation of interest reduction payments after refinancing. As part of these refinancing transactions, HUD requires the execution of interest Reduction Payment Agreements and Use Agreements. HUD uses the information to ensure that projects are maintained as low-income housing resources.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* March 26, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502-NEW) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh