

development, review, update, and exercising of the Area Maritime Security Plan for their area of responsibility. Such matters may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Identifying critical port infrastructure and operations; Identifying risks (threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences).

(2) Determining mitigation strategies and implementation methods.

(3) Developing strategies to facilitate the recovery of the MTS after a Transportation Security Incident.

(4) Developing and describing the process to continually evaluate overall port security by considering consequences and vulnerabilities, how they may change over time, and what additional mitigation strategies can be applied; and

(5) Providing advice to and assisting the Federal Maritime Security Coordinator in developing and maintaining the Area Maritime Security Plan.

## II. AMSC Membership

Members of the AMSC should have at least five years of experience related to maritime or port security operations. The Sector Columbia River AMSC has 20 members, and we are seeking to fill additional vacancies with this solicitation.

Applicants may be required to pass an appropriate security background check prior to appointment to the committee. Applicants must register with and remain active as a Coast Guard Homeport user if appointed. Terms of office will be for five years; however, a member is eligible to serve additional terms of office. Members will not receive any salary or other compensation for their service on an AMSC. In accordance with 33 CFR 103, members may be selected from Federal, Territorial, or Tribal governments; State government and political subdivisions of the State; local public safety, crisis management, and emergency response agencies; law enforcement and security organizations; maritime industry, including labor; other port stakeholders having a special competence in maritime security; and port stakeholders affected by security practices and policies.

The Coast Guard does not discriminate in selecting committee members on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or any other non-merit factor. The Coast Guard strives to achieve a widely diverse

candidate pool for all its recruitment actions.

## III. Request for Applications

Those seeking membership are not required to submit formal applications to the local Captain of the Port, however, because we do have an obligation to ensure that a specific number of members have the prerequisite maritime security experience, we encourage the submission of resumes highlighting experience in the maritime and security industries.

Dated: August 29, 2023.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2023-0023; OMB No. 1660-0114]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request; FEMA Preparedness Grants: Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice of revision and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on an extension, with change, of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning the information collection activities required to administer the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) and an additional new form to facilitate extension requests.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 6, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please submit comments at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under Docket ID FEMA-2023-0023. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID. Regardless of the method used to 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 and Security Notice that is available via a link on the homepage of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Duane Davis, Section Chief, FEMA, Grant Programs Directorate, 202-680-4060, [duane.davis@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:duane.davis@fema.dhs.gov). You may contact the Information Management Division for copies of the proposed collection of information at email address: [FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 102 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, as amended (46 U.S.C. 70107), authorizes the PSGP to provide for the risk-based allocation of funds to implement Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and facility security plans among port authorities, facility operators, and State and local government agencies required to provide port security services and to train law enforcement personnel under 46 U.S.C. 70132. Before awarding a grant under the program, the Secretary for Homeland Security shall provide for review and comment by the appropriate Federal Maritime Security Coordinators and the Maritime Administrator. In administering the grant program, the Secretary shall consider national economic, energy, and strategic defense concerns based upon the most current risk assessments available.

Any information collected by FEMA for this program is in accordance with general reporting requirements, *for example, see* 2 CFR 200.329; or in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 70107(g), as amended by Section 112(c) of the Security and Accountability For Every (SAFE) Port Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-347), which provides that entities subject to an Area Maritime Transportation Security Plan may submit an application for a grant under this program at such time, in such form, and containing such information and assurances as the Secretary may require.

2 CFR 200.329 requires grant recipients to report on the status of their grant funded activities including potential or real setbacks in performance.

The GPD-Extension form, FEMA Form FF-207-FY-23-110 is newly added and

allows FEMA to ensure a consistent review process for extending the Period of Performance of existing grants per 2 CFR 200.309. This form standardizes the information collection as well as the review criteria for extension requests. Information includes the current status of the project, an explanation of delays experienced in completing the project on schedule and anticipated new milestones for completion within the newly requested Period of Performance.

### Collection of Information

*Title:* FEMA Preparedness Grants: Port Security Grant Program (PSGP).

*Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0114.

*FEMA Forms:* FEMA Form FF-207-FY-23-108 (formerly 089-05), PSGP Investment Justification; FEMA Form FF-207-FY-23-109 (formerly 088-0-1), Grant Programs Directorate Performance Report (GPD-PR), and FEMA Form FF-207-FY-23-110, Grant Programs Directorate Extension Request (GPD-Extension).

*Abstract:* Section 102 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, as amended (46 U.S.C. 70107), authorizes the PSGP to provide for the risk-based allocation of funds to implement Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and facility security plans among port authorities, facility operators, and State and local government agencies required to provide port security services and to train law enforcement personnel under 46 U.S.C. 70132. Before awarding a grant under the program, the Secretary for Homeland Security shall provide for review and comment by the appropriate Federal Maritime Security Coordinators and the Maritime Administrator. In administering the grant program, the Secretary shall take into account national economic, energy, and strategic defense concerns based upon the most current risk assessments available.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal government and private sector.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 966.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,832.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 17,446.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost:* \$1,462,290.

*Estimated Respondents' Operation and Maintenance Costs:* \$0.

*Estimated Respondents' Capital and Start-Up Costs:* \$0.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government:* \$1,853,355.

### Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

[Docket No. ICEB-2023-0005]

RIN 1653-ZA41

#### Employment Authorization for South Sudanese F-1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the Current Armed Conflict and Humanitarian Crisis in South Sudan

**AGENCY:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is suspending certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is South Sudan, regardless of country of birth (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in South Sudan), and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current armed conflict and humanitarian crisis in South Sudan. The Secretary is taking action to provide relief to these South Sudanese students

who are in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant students status, so the students may request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session, and reduce their course load while continuing to maintain their F-1 nonimmigrant student status. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student granted employment authorization by means of this notice to be engaged in a "full course of study" for the duration of the employment authorization, if the nonimmigrant student satisfies the minimum course load requirement described in this notice.

**DATES:** This action is effective November 4, 2023, through May 3, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Snyder, Unit Chief, Policy and Response Unit, Student and Exchange Visitor Program, MS 5600, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 500 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20536-5600; email: [sevp@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:sevp@ice.dhs.gov), telephone: (703) 603-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Program information can be found at <https://www.ice.gov/sevis/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### What action is DHS taking under this notice?

The Secretary is exercising authority under 8 CFR 214.2(f)(9) to temporarily suspend the applicability of certain requirements governing on-campus and off-campus employment for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is South Sudan regardless of country of birth (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in South Sudan), who are present in the United States in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant student status on the date of publication of this notice, and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of current armed conflict and humanitarian crisis in South Sudan. The original notice, which suspended certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the humanitarian crisis at that time is effective from March 3, 2022, through November 3, 2023. See 87 FR 12182 (Mar. 3, 2022). Effective with this publication, suspension of the employment limitations is available through May 3, 2025, for those who are in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant status on the date of publication of this notice. DHS will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student granted employment authorization through this notice to be engaged in a "full course of study" for