

security partners that two draft documents are being released by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for comment prior to publication:

- *Security in the Software Lifecycle*—Intended to assist application software developers and project managers in defining a strategy to produce more secure software.

- *Secure Software Assurance—Common Body of Knowledge*—Intended to assist college-level educators and private industry trainers in creating a curriculum for software assurance.

ADDRESSES: If you would like to review the draft *Security in the Software Lifecycle* and the draft *Secure Software Assurance—Common Body of Knowledge* you may access the documents and the comment forms through one of the following methods:

- *Build Security In* Web site: <http://buildsecurityin.us-cert.gov>—click on “Additional Resources” Tab. The documents are located in the “Supplementary Department of Homeland Security Resources” and “Software Assurance Common Body of Knowledge (CBK)” sections.
- Mail self-addressed stamped envelope to: Joe Jarzombek, Director for Software Assurance, National Cyber Security Division, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528 (Postage: \$5.00 for one document/\$8.00 for both documents).

If you desire to submit comments, they must be received by February 21, 2006. A comment form is available on the *Build Security In* Web site (<http://buildsecurityin.us-cert.gov>) to facilitate detailed comments. Comments must be identified by DHS-2005-0057 and submitted by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Refer to Docket DHS-2005-0057. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Detailed comment forms can be uploaded.

- Mail: Joe Jarzombek, Director for Software Assurance, National Cyber Security Division, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *DHS Software Assurance Program:* Joe Jarzombek, Director for Software Assurance, National Cyber Security Division, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, 703-235-5126 or joe.jarzombek@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In collaboration with other government agencies, academia, and private industry, DHS seeks to reduce software vulnerabilities, minimize exploitation,

and address means to improve capabilities to routinely develop and deploy quality and trustworthy software. In furtherance of those goals, DHS established the Software Assurance Program.

The DHS Software Assurance Program is grounded in the *National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace* issued by President Bush in February 2003. DHS began the Software Assurance Program as a focal point to partner with the private sector, academia, and other government agencies in order to improve software development and acquisition processes. The Program seeks to reduce software vulnerabilities, minimize exploitation, and address means to improve capabilities to routinely develop and deploy quality and trustworthy software products—enabling more resilient assets within the critical infrastructure.

DHS developed the following comprehensive approach to address software assurance in collaboration with industry, academia, and government partners:

- People—Focus on software developers (includes education and training) and users
- Process—Focus on developing sound practices and practical guidelines
- Technology—Focus on software evaluation tools and R&D requirements
- Acquisition—Focus on standards, specifications, acquisition language

As part of the Software Assurance Program, DHS now seeks comments from the public and interested security partners on two draft documents now being released prior to formal publication:

- *Security in the Software Lifecycle*—Intended for application software developers and project managers who wish to increase their understanding of security and quality issues related to software and its production, and to improve their own practices in order to produce more secure and better quality application software. This document should provide enough information to assist the reader in defining a strategy for adapting or expanding existing processes and practices to produce more secure software that also achieves a higher degree of quality, reliability, and integrity.

- *Secure Software Assurance—Common Body of Knowledge*—Primarily intended for college-level educators and private industry trainers to use as they create curriculum for software assurance which draws upon multi-disciplinary elements of software engineering, information assurance, project management, systems engineering, safety and security, and acquisition. While some of these disciplines already

have a body of knowledge, software assurance has not had a formal source for educators to create curriculum. This document is intended to fill that need.

The information in these documents is not intended to represent a standard or policy mandate by DHS. On the contrary, the documents represent a collection of consensus-based, “sound practices” derived from across government, industry, and academia, both in the U.S. and abroad. As such, they should be seen primarily as tools for educating developers and software project managers.

DHS will consider all timely and pertinent comments received prior to finalizing these documents.

Dated: January 23, 2006.

Robert B. Stephan,

Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2006-23696]

Towing Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) and its working groups will meet as required to discuss various issues relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: TSAC will meet on Thursday, March 2, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Towing Vessel Inspection Working Group will meet on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Towing Vessel Inspection Working Group will meet again on Wednesday, March 1, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. followed by a general plenary meeting, to discuss the status of other working groups, until 5 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material for and requests to make oral presentations at the meetings should reach the Coast Guard on or before February 21, 2006. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Committee or working groups prior to the meetings should reach the Coast Guard on or before February 15, 2006.

ADDRESSES: TSAC will meet in Room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington,

DC 20593-0001. The working group will first meet in the same room and then, if necessary, move to separate spaces designated at that time. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Gerald P. Miente, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, G-PSO-1, Room 1210, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice and related documents are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> under the docket number USCG-2006-23696.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gerald P. Miente, Assistant Executive Director, telephone 202-267-0214, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail at gmiante@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended).

Agenda of Committee Meeting

The agenda includes the following items:

- (1) Status Report of the Commercial/Recreational Boating Interface Working Group;
- (2) Status Report of the Mariner Deaths during Nighttime Barge Fleeting Operations Working Group;
- (3) Status Report of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW) Implementation Working Group;
- (4) Status Report of the Towing Vessel Inspection Working Group;
- (5) Status Report of the Licensing Implementation Working Group;
- (6) Status Report of the Towing Vessel Horsepower Working Group;
- (7) Status Report of the Towing Vessel Bridge Visibility Working Group; and
- (8) Presentation of a Draft Task Statement on Review of the AV Kastner/Buchanan 14/Swift Collision

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. Members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Assistant Executive Director no later than February 21, 2006. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than February 21, 2006. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Committee or Working Groups in advance of a meeting, please submit 20 copies to the Assistant Executive Director no later

than February 15, 2006. You may also submit this material electronically to the e-mail address in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, no later than February 21, 2006. Also, at the Chair's discretion, members of the public may present comment at the end of the Public Meeting. Please understand that the Committee's schedule may be quite demanding and time for public comment may be limited.

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 Assistant Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: January 25, 2006.

H.L. Hime,

Acting Director of Prevention Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and includes the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

Title: Write Your Own (WYO) Company Participation Criteria; New Applicant.

OMB Number: 1660-0038.

Abstract: The Federal government is a guarantor of flood insurance coverage issued under the WYO arrangement. To determine eligibility for participation in the WYO program, the NFIP requires a on-time submission of data demonstrating insurance companies qualification.

Affected Public: Business or Other For Profit.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 7 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 35.

Frequency of Response: Per request.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, or facsimile number (202) 395-7285. Comments must be submitted on or before March 3, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Chief, Records Management, FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or e-mail address FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov.

Dated: January 25, 2006.

George S. Trotter,

Acting, Branch Chief, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division.

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