

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman; DHS CIS Ombudsman Case Problem Submission**

AGENCY: Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, DHS.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing information collection 1601-0004, DHS Form 7001.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, submits this extension for the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman is soliciting comments concerning an extension to an existing information collection, DHS CIS Ombudsman Case Problem Submission, DHS Form 7001.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 9, 2009. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of the CIS Ombudsman, Director of Communications, Mail Stop 1225, Washington, DC 20528-1225. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352, 202-357-0042 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov or cisombudsman@dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If additional information is required contact: the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of the CIS Ombudsman, Director of Communications, Mail Stop 1225, Washington, DC 20528-1225, 202-357-8100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Deputy Secretary, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman (CISOMB), collects information to receive and process correspondence received from individuals, employers, and their designated representatives to: (1) Assist

individuals and employers in resolving problems during interactions with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); (2) identify areas in which individuals and employers have problems in dealing with USCIS; and (3) and to the extent possible, propose changes to mitigate problems as mandated by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, section 452.

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;
2. 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;
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, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman.

Title: DHS CIS Ombudsman Case Problem Submission.

OMB Number: 1601-0004.

Frequency: One-time response.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households. This information collection is necessary for CISOMB to identify problem areas, propose changes, and assist individuals experiencing problems during adjudication of an immigrant benefit with USCIS.

Number of Respondents: 2,600 respondents.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 hour per response.

Total Burden Hours: 2,600 annual burden hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.00.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.00.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket No. DHS-2008-0015]

Privacy Act of 1974; Department of Homeland Security Biographies and Awards System of Records

AGENCY: Privacy Office; DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and as part of the Department of Homeland Security's ongoing effort to review and update legacy system of record notices, the Department of Homeland Security proposes to consolidate four legacy record systems: Treasury/CS.032 Biographical Files (Headquarters), October 18, 2001, FEMA/EX-1 Biographies, September 7, 1990, FEMA/EX-2 President's and Director's Award Nominees, September 7, 1990, and DOT/CG 671 Biographical Statement, April 11, 2000, into one Department-wide system of records. The Department of Homeland Security also proposes to partially consolidate Treasury/USSS.008 Public Affairs Record System, August 28, 2001, into this new record system. This system will allow the Department of Homeland Security to collect and maintain the biographical information of Department of Homeland Security employees and other individuals, as well as Departmental award recipients who are not employed by the Department of Homeland Security. Departmental award recipients who are Department of Homeland Security employees are covered under OPM/GOVT-2 Performance File System Records. Categories of individuals, categories of records, and the routine uses of these legacy system of records notices have been consolidated and updated to better reflect the Department's biographies record systems. This consolidated system, titled Biographies and Awards, will be included in the Department's inventory of record systems.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 10, 2008. This new system will be effective December 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2008-0015 by one of the following methods:

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1-866-466-5370.