

**Part III—Issues Regarding the Use of Total AFA and Rescission of Certain Reviews**

Comment 17: The Department should not apply AFA while scope inquiries are pending.

Comment 18: The Department should not apply AFA for the failure to report cast products.

Comment 19: The Department should not apply AFA to agent sales made by Huarong, LMC/LIMAC, and TMC.

Comment 20: The Department should establish “combination” cash deposit rates and utilize “master list” assessment rates.

Comment 21: The Department should recalculate the AFA and PRC-wide rate of 139.31 percent for bars/wedges because this rate contains subsidized prices.

Comment 22: The Department should reconsider its determination to rescind the review of hammers/sledges and picks/mattocks with respect to Huarong and LMC/LIMAC.

**Part IV—Issues Regarding Assessment Instructions**

Comment 23: The Department should deny the request by Olympia Industrial Incorporated to instruct CBP to liquidate entries of scrapers and tampers.

Comment 24: The Department should correct the ministerial error in the draft assessment instructions.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology****National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, United States Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Construction Safety Team (NCST) Advisory Committee (Committee), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, October 5, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, October 6, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss draft findings of the Federal Building and Fire Safety Investigation of the World Trade Center Disaster (WTC Investigation) and the Rhode Island Nightclub Investigation. Consequently, all of the first day and all but the last one and one-half hours of the second day will be held in closed session. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/ncst>.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on October 5, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 3 p.m. on October 6, 2004. The closed portion of the meeting is scheduled to begin on October 5 at 8:30 a.m. and to end at 1:45 p.m. on October 6, 2004. The last portion of the meeting from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on October 6, 2004, will be open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Administration Building, Room A1038 at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen Cauffman, National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8611, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8611. Mr. Cauffman's e-mail address is [stephen.cauffman@nist.gov](mailto:stephen.cauffman@nist.gov) and his phone number is (301) 975-6051.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established pursuant to Section 11 of the National Construction Safety Team Act (15 U.S.C. 7310 *et seq.*). The Committee is composed of nine members appointed by the Director of NIST who were selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues affecting teams established under the NCST Act. The Committee will advise the Director of NIST on carrying out investigations of building failures conducted under the authorities of the NCST Act that became law in October 2002 and will review the procedures developed to implement the NCST Act and reports issued under section 8 of the NCST Act. Background information on the NCST Act and information on the NCST Advisory Committee is available at <http://www.nist.gov/ncst>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the National Construction Safety Team (NCST) Advisory Committee (Committee), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, October 5, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, October 6, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at NIST headquarters in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

The primary purpose of this meeting is to present draft findings of the Federal Building and Fire Safety Investigation of the World Trade Center Disaster (WTC Investigation) and the Rhode Island Nightclub Investigation. The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of

the General Counsel, formally determined on August 2, 2004, that portions of the meeting of the National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee that involve discussions regarding the proprietary information and trade secrets of third parties, data and documents that may also be used in criminal cases or lawsuits, matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action, and data collection status and the issuance of subpoenas may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (5), (9)(B), and (10) respectively. Consequently, all of the first day and all but the last one and one-half hours of the second day will be held in closed session. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/ncst>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs, the WTC Investigation, or the Rhode Island Investigation are invited to request a place on the agenda. On October 6, 2004, approximately one-half hour will be reserved for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be 5 minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8611, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8611, via fax at (301) 975-6122, or electronically by e-mail to [ncstac@nist.gov](mailto:ncstac@nist.gov).

All visitors to the NIST site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register by close of business Friday, October 1, 2004, in order to attend. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Stephen Cauffman and he will provide you with instructions for admittance. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their country of citizenship, title, employer/sponsor, and address. Mr. Cauffman's e-mail address is [stephen.cauffman@nist.gov](mailto:stephen.cauffman@nist.gov) and his phone number is (301) 975-6051.

Dated: September 9, 2004.

**Hratch G. Semerjian,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Announcing a Public Workshop on Personal Identity Verification (PIV) of Federal Employees/Contractors

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

**ACTION:** Notice of public workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces a public workshop to obtain information on secure and reliable methods of verifying the identity of Federal employees and Federal contractors who are authorized access to Federal facilities and Federal information systems. An agenda and related information for the workshop will be available before the workshop from the NIST Computer Security Resource Center Web site at <http://csrc.nist.gov>. This workshop is not being held in anticipation of a procurement activity.

**DATES:** The PIV Public workshop will be held on October 7, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The PIV Public workshop will take place in a hotel facility in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Information about the meeting location and hotel accommodations will be available at <http://csrc.nist.gov> by September 8, 2004.

**Registration:** Registration prior to 5 p.m. October 3, 2004, is required. All registrations must be done online at <https://rproxy.nist.gov/CRS/>. Please go to this Conference Registration link and complete the registration form for the October 7, 2004 PIV Public Workshop. The registration fee is \$95.00 and will include a continental breakfast and a deli-style lunch. A visitor's identification badge will be issued to all registered participants. The registrar for the workshop is Teresa Vicente (telephone: 301-975-3883; e-mail: [teresa.vicente@nist.gov](mailto:teresa.vicente@nist.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Curt Barker (e-mail: [wbarker@nist.gov](mailto:wbarker@nist.gov); telephone: 301-975-8443; fax 301-948-1233) or Dr. Dennis Branstad (e-mail: [Branstad@nist.gov](mailto:Branstad@nist.gov); telephone: 301-975-4060) for technical information regarding the workshop.

**Background Information:** On August 27, 2004, President Bush signed the Homeland Security Presidential Directive/HSPD-12 (see <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/08/20040827-8.html>) establishing a policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors. This Directive states that the Secretary of Commerce shall promulgate a Federal standard within six months that assures secure and reliable forms of identification of Federal Employees and Federal Contractor Employees in many applications. The principal objectives of the standard are to create a secure and reliable automated system that may be used Government-wide to: (1) Establish the authentic true identity of an individual; (2) issue a PIV token (e.g., smartcard) to each authenticated individual which can later be used to verify the identity of the individual using appropriate technical means when access to a secure Federal facility or information system is requested; (3) be based on graduated criteria that provide appropriate levels of assurance and security to the application; (4) be strongly resistant to identity fraud, counterfeiting, and exploitation by individuals, terrorist organizations, or conspiracy groups; and (5) initiate development and use of interoperable automated systems meeting these objectives.

NIST is planning to propose a Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) tentatively entitled Personal Identity Verification as the primary document specified in HSPD-12. The envisioned standard may likely address operational requirements and the technical framework, architecture, and specifications for an automated system that will provide secure and reliable forms of identification to be issued by the Federal Government to its employees and contractors (including contractor employees). We anticipate that the technical focus will primarily be on electronic identity verification and access authorization credentials securely contained in an integrated-circuit token (e.g., smartcard) containing biometric characteristics (e.g., fingerprint image, facial image) of the individual to whom the token was issued for later identity verification. The standard shall not apply to identification associated with national security systems as defined by 44 U.S.C. 3542(b)(2).

**Authority:** NIST is conducting this workshop in accordance with HSPD-12 and within its authority under the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002, the Information Technology

Management Reform Act of 1996, Executive Order 13011, and OMB Circular A-130.

Dated: September 9, 2004.

**Hratch G. Semerjian,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 15, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Department of Defense Education Activity, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1635, ATTN: Ms. Judith L. Williams.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 588-3143.

**Title and OMB Control Number:** "Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Customer Satisfaction Surveys for Sponsors and Students"; OMB Control Number 0704-0421.

**Needs and Uses:** The DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Surveys are a tool used to measure the satisfaction level of