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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panels (SEP): Epi-Centers for Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections, Request for Application CI06-001

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Epi-Centers for Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections, Request for Application CI06-001.

Times and Dates: 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m., December 9, 2005 (Closed).

Place: Renaissance Concourse Hotel, One Hartsfield Centre Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30354, Telephone Number (404) 209-9999.

Status: The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to: Epi-Centers for Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections, Request for Application CI06-001.

Contact Person for more Information: Trudy Messmer, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, National Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop C-19, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone Number (404) 639-3770.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: October 28, 2005.

Alvin Hall,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel: Centers for Excellence to Promote a Healthier Workforce, Request for Application OH-05-006

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Centers for Excellence to Promote a Healthier Workforce, Request for Application OH-05-006.

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., December 15, 2005 (Closed). 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., December 16, 2005 (Closed).

Place: The Ritz Carlton Philadelphia, 10 Avenue of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA 19102, Telephone (215) 523-8000.

Status: The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to Centers for Excellence to Promote a Healthier Workforce, Request for Application OH-05-006.

Contact Person For More Information: Pamela J. Wilkerson, MPA, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., MS E-74, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone 404-498-2556.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

National Infrastructure Protection Plan

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested security partners that the draft National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) Base Plan is available for review and comment. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is responsible for developing this comprehensive, integrated national plan for the protection of the Nation's critical infrastructure and key resources under the authority of Homeland Security Presidential Directive-7 (HSPD-7), *Critical Infrastructure Identification, Prioritization, and Protection*.

ADDRESSES: If you would like to review the draft NIPP Base Plan and provide comments, please submit a request to DHS via one of the following methods:

- E-mail to: NIPP@dhs.gov.
- Mail: NIPP Program Management Office, Department of Homeland Security, Preparedness Directorate/IP/IPD, Mail Stop 8560, Washington, DC 20528-8560.

Please include your name, organization, mailing address, and e-mail address when submitting your request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

National Infrastructure Protection Plan: Charles Davis, NIPP Program Management Office, Preparedness Directorate/IP/IPD, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, 703-235-5338 or Charles.H.Davis@dhs.gov.

DATES: The draft National Infrastructure Protection Plan will become available on November 2, 2005. All requests for copies must be made within 15 days of this notice. Comments on the document should be submitted to DHS by December 5, 2005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Protecting critical infrastructures and key resources from attack is vital to the Nation. Through HSPD-7, the President directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to produce a comprehensive, integrated national plan for the protection of critical infrastructures and key resources. On February 9, 2005, DHS released an interim version of the NIPP Base Plan. Since that time, DHS has been working to revise the NIPP

Base Plan to provide further detail regarding the framework for protecting the Nation's infrastructure and setting the direction for implementing a coordinated, national effort. At this time, DHS is seeking comments from the public on the draft NIPP Base Plan. Anyone interested in reviewing the draft NIPP Base Plan can obtain a copy by forwarding a request to DHS following the steps described under **ADDRESSES** above. All such requests must be received within 15 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Following receipt of your request for review, DHS will forward a copy of the draft NIPP Base Plan along with instructions on how to submit comments.

Bob Stephan,

Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; 1018-0127; Horseshoe Crab Tagging Program

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent a request to OMB for approval of our information collection associated with the horseshoe crab tagging program. The OMB control number for this collection is 1018-0127, which expires on November 30, 2005. We have requested that OMB approve this information collection for a 3-year term.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before December 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); Hope_Grey@fws.gov (e-mail); or (703) 358-2269 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection, related forms, or explanatory

material, contact Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at the addresses above or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 10, 2005, OMB approved our emergency request for information collection associated with the horseshoe crab tagging program. The supporting statement for our emergency request is available online at <http://www.fws.gov/pdm/0127SupCurrent.pdf>. OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have the opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

On August 3, 2005, we published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 44677) a notice of our intent to request information collection authority from OMB. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on October 3, 2005. We received comments from one individual. The commenter did not address the necessity, clarity, or accuracy of the information collection, but did oppose the use of horseshoe crabs by biomedical companies and proposed a ban on the use of horseshoe crabs for any purpose. We have not made any changes to our information collection as a result of the comment.

Horseshoe crabs are among the world's oldest creatures. People have used this evolutionary survivor for centuries. It plays an important role in the ecology of the coastal ecosystem, while over time also providing the opportunity for commercial, recreational, medical, scientific, and educational uses.

In 1998, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), a management organization with representatives from each State on the Atlantic Coast, developed a horseshoe crab management plan. The ASMFC plan and its subsequent addenda established mandatory State-by-State harvest quotas, and created the 1,500 square mile Carl N. Shuster, Jr. Horseshoe Crab Sanctuary off the mouth of the Delaware Bay. Active management and innovative techniques used by fishermen to conserve bait have successfully reduced commercial horseshoe crab landings in recent years. Conch and eel fishermen have been using bait bags in their traps, so they

can only use a portion of one crab per trap, compared to using a whole crab in each trap. The bait bags have reduced the demand for bait by 50 to 75 percent in recent years.

Although restrictive measures have been taken in recent years, populations are not showing immediate increases. Because horseshoe crabs do not breed until they reach 9 or more years of age, it may take some time before the population measurably increases. Recently a Horseshoe Crab Cooperative Tagging Program was established to monitor this species. Horseshoe crabs are tagged and released by cooperating Federal and State agencies, universities, and biomedical companies. Agencies that tag and release horseshoe crabs complete the Horseshoe Crab Tagging Release Form (FWS Form 3-2311) and provide the following data to the Service: organization name, contact person name, tag number, sex of crab, prosomal width, capture site, latitude, longitude, waterbody, State, and date.

Through public participants who recover tagged crabs, we collect the following information using FWS Form 3-2310 (Horseshoe Crab Recapture Report): tag number, whether or not tag was removed, whether or not the tag was circular or square, condition of crab, date captured/found, crab fate, finder type, capture method, capture location, reporter information, and comments. If the public participant who reports the tagged crab requests information, we send data pertaining to the tagging program, and tag and release information on the horseshoe crab he/she found or captured. The information collected is stored at the Maryland Fishery Resources Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, and used to evaluate migratory patterns, survival, and abundance of horseshoe crabs.

Title: Horseshoe Crab Tag Tagging Program.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0127.

Form Number: FWS Forms 3-2310 and 3-2311.

Frequency: When horseshoe crabs are tagged and when horseshoe crabs are found or captured.

Description of Respondents: Tagging agencies include Federal and State agencies, universities, and biomedical companies. Members of the general public provide recapture information.

Total Annual Responses:

Approximately 1,510.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 980 hours.

We again invite comments concerning this submission on: (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including