

This notice provides the start date for TWIC initial enrollment at the Ports of Charleston, SC; Cleveland, OH; Detroit, MI; Port Fourchon, LA; Boston, MA; and Brownsville, TX. Enrollment in Charleston, SC will begin on November 28, 2007. Enrollment in Cleveland, OH; Detroit, MI; and Port Fourchon, LA will begin on November 29, 2007.

Enrollment in Boston will begin on November 30, 2007 and in Brownsville on December 5, 2007. The Coast Guard will publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** indicating when facilities within the Captain of the Port Zone Charleston, including those in the Port of Charleston; Captain of the Port Zone Buffalo including those in the Port of Cleveland; Captain of the Port Zone Detroit including those in the Port of Detroit; Captain of the Port Zone New Orleans including those in the Port of Port Fourchon; Captain of the Port Zone Boston including those in the Port of Boston; and Captain of the Port Zone Corpus Christi including those in the Port of Brownsville must comply with the portions of the final rule requiring TWIC to be used as an access control measure. That notice will be published at least 90 days before compliance is required.

To obtain information on the pre-enrollment and enrollment process, and enrollment locations, visit TSA's TWIC Web site at <http://www.tsa.gov/twic>.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on November 16, 2007.

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*Director, Maritime and Surface Credentialing, Office of Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing, Transportation Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Revision of an Existing Information Collection; Request for Comments and Suggestions for Making the Form More User Friendly

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, HSD.

**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Form I-589, Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal; OMB Control No. 1615-0067.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and

Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 2007, at 72 FR 35713. The notice allowed for a 60-day public comment period, and also requested suggestions for making the form more user friendly. USCIS did not receive any comments for this information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until December 21, 2007. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

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), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at [rfs.regs@dhs.gov](mailto:rfs.regs@dhs.gov), and to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-6974 or via e-mail at [kastrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:kastrich@omb.eop.gov).

When submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add OMB Control Number 1615-0067 in the subject box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(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;

(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 submission of responses; and

(5) Suggest how the collection of information can be made more

customer-friendly, identify any confusing and/or unnecessary language contained in the collection of information (including the form and form instructions), and offer specific ways that the form and form instructions can be improved upon or clarified so that they are more easily understood by those who do not speak English as their primary language and who may not be familiar with legal terms. Any suggested changes in language must be consistent with the statutory, regulatory and legal requirements for asylum, withholding of removal, and protection pursuant to the Convention Against Torture, and must be sufficiently precise so as to elicit the information needed by adjudicators to decide the cases before them and to provide adequate notice to the applicant of the legal consequences and requirements associated with the application.

#### *Overview of this information collection:*

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

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-589, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. This information collection will be used to determine whether an alien applying for asylum and/or withholding of deportation in the United States is classifiable as a refugee, and is eligible to remain in the United States.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 63,138 responses at 12 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 757,656 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the USCIS Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main>. We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: November 16, 2007.

**Richard A. Sloan,**

*Chief, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2426-07; DHS Docket No. USCIS-2007-0043]

RIN 1615-ZA61

#### Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program. Under this program, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is offering beneficiaries of approved family-based immigrant visa petitions an opportunity to receive a discretionary grant of parole to come to the United States rather than remain in Cuba to apply for lawful permanent resident status. The purpose of the program is to expedite family reunification through safe, legal, and orderly channels of migration to the United States and to discourage irregular and inherently dangerous maritime migration.

**DATES:** This Notice is effective November 21, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Manpreet S. Dhanjal, Refugee Officer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20529, Telephone (202) 272-1613.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In furtherance of the U.S.-Cuba Migration Accords, the United States endeavors to provide a minimum of 20,000 travel documents annually to aspiring Cuban emigrants. See Joint Communiqué on Migration, U.S.-Cuba (Sept. 9, 1994) (known together with the May 2, 1995 Joint Statement as the U.S.-Cuba Migration Accords (hereinafter "Migration Accords")). In so doing, the United States offers a safe, legal, and orderly means of coming to the United States. To date, the majority of travel

documents issued under the Migration Accords fall into one of three programs: family-based immigrant visas; refugee resettlement; and parole under the Special Cuban Migration Program, also referred to as the Cuban Lottery. For information on the Cuban Lottery, see [http://havana.usinterestsection.gov/diversity\\_program.html](http://havana.usinterestsection.gov/diversity_program.html).

Two aspects of the existing array of migration programs limit the ability of the United States to effectively promote safe, legal, and orderly migration as an alternative to maritime crossings. First, with the exception of "immediate relatives" (e.g., spouse, unmarried child) of U.S. citizens (USCs), the number of family-based immigrant visas that are available in any given year is limited by statute. See Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) sections 201(c), 202(a) & 203, 8 U.S.C. 1151(c), 1152(a) & 1153. The statutory caps have resulted in long waiting periods before family members remaining in Cuba may rejoin the USCs and lawful permanent residents (LPRs) residing in the United States who petitioned for them. Second, the United States has not been permitted to hold a new registration period since 1998 due to constraints placed on the Cuban Lottery program by the Cuban Government. This greatly reduces the pool of individuals to whom the United States may issue travel documents.

For these reasons, this Notice adds the Cuban Family Reunification Parole (CFRP) Program to the list of migrant programs based on which the United States issues travel documents under the Migration Accords.

##### II. The CFRP Program

Under the CFRP Program, USCIS may exercise its discretionary parole authority to permit eligible Cuban nationals to come to the United States to rejoin their family members. See INA section 212(d)(5)(A), 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(A) (permits parole of an alien into the United States for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit); see also 8 CFR 212.5(c) & (d) (discretionary authority for granting parole). Granting parole to eligible aliens under the CFRP Program serves the significant public benefit of enabling the United States to meet its commitments under the Migration Accords as well as reducing the perceived need for family members left behind in Cuba to make irregular and inherently dangerous attempts to arrive in the United States through unsafe maritime crossings, thereby discouraging alien smuggling as a means to enter the United States. Whether to parole a particular alien remains,

however, a case-by-case, discretionary determination.

##### III. Participation in the CFRP Program

USCIS will offer participation in the CFRP Program to Cuban nationals who reside in Cuba and who are the beneficiaries (including any accompanying or following to join spouse and children (see INA section 203(d), 8 U.S.C. 1153(d)) of a properly filed Form I-130, "Petition for Alien Relative," that has been approved, but for which an immigrant visa is not yet immediately available.

Under the CFRP Program, USCIS or the Department of State's National Visa Center (NVC) will mail written notice to U.S.-based USC and LPR petitioners whose Forms I-130 have been approved regarding their beneficiary's eligibility to participate in the CFRP Program and the procedures for requesting parole. However, participation in the CFRP is voluntary. If USCIS exercises its discretion to grant parole, it will issue the necessary U.S. travel documents to the beneficiary in Cuba. These travel documents will enable the beneficiary to travel safely to the United States to rejoin his or her family members.

Participation in the CFRP Program is not available to aliens who qualify as "immediate relatives" under section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(2)(A)(i). The extraordinary benefit of parole is not needed for these aliens, since they may seek visas for travel to the United States immediately upon the approval of Form I-130.

Additional information about the CFRP Program will be posted at <http://www.uscis.gov>.

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**Emilio T. Gonzalez,**

*Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5123-N-16]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Notice of Funding Availability for the Tribal Colleges and University Programs

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of