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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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curt Barker (e-mail: wbarker@nist.gov; telephone: 301-975-8443; fax 301-948-1233) or Dr. Dennis Branstad (e-mail: 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 an 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.

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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