

SUBJ: UNINSPECTED TOWING VESSEL (UTV) "JUST-IN-TIME" ORIENTATION COURSE
(502234) SOLICITATION

A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 121639Z JUNE 09.

B. TOWING VESSEL BRIDGING PROGRAM (TVBP) POLICY MEMO, DATED 12JUN09.

1. THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES THE CONVENING OF FOUR (4) CLASS DATES FOR SUBJECT COURSE THIS FISCAL YEAR. THE DATES ARE: 26-30JUL, 16-20AUG, 13-17SEP AND 20-24SEP. THE COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWING VESSEL NATIONAL CENTER OF EXPERTISE (TVNCOE) IN PADUCAH, KY.

2. THIS IS A BASIC 5-DAY COURSE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR MEMBERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO UTV EXAMINER BILLETS AT FIELD UNITS AND TO FULLY SUPPORT THE TVBP TRAINING INITIATIVES IN REF A AND B. THIS COURSE IS INTENDED TO FILL THE GAP WHILE A FORMAL TOWING VESSEL TRAINING CURRICULUM IS BEING DEVELOPED. THIS COURSE IS NOT CURRENTLY REQUIRED FOR QUALIFICATION AS A UTV EXAMINER, HOWEVER PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THESE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS COURSE.

3. THE FOCUS OF THIS COURSE IS TO TRAIN UTV EXAMINERS ON HOW TO CONDUCT AN UTV EXAMINATION. THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON APPLICABLE CFR'S, POLICIES, BEST PRACTICES AND FIELD TRIPS TO LOCAL UTV'S.

4. DUE TO LIMITED CLASS SIZE AND CONVENINGS, FIRST PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO TOWING VESSEL BILLETS; OTHERS ASSIGNED TO CONDUCTING UTV EXAM ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONSIDERED AS WELL. THIS COURSE IS NOT INTENDED FOR SEASONED MARINE INSPECTORS. THE PREREQUISITE FOR THIS COURSE IS COMPLETION OF THE TVBP TOWING VESSEL OUTREACH, ORIENTATION AND INDOCTRINATION WORKBOOK. THE MEMBER'S SURVEY MUST BE ON FILE AT TVNCOE AS EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION.

5. ELECTRONIC TRAINING REQUESTS FOR THIS COURSE MUST BE ENTERED INTO DIRECT ACCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REQUESTS MUST INDICATE WHICH OF THE 4 CLASSES MBRS WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND. MEMBERS RECEIVING ORDERS WILL BE GIVEN LOGISTICAL INFORMATION FROM TVNCOE VIA SEPCOR.

6. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR, LT JULIE BETHKE AT JULIE.Y.BETHKE(AT)USCG.MIL 270-444-7715 X202 OR MR. PATRICK LEE AT PATRICK.J.LEE(AT)USCG.MIL 202.372.1135.

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