

DRAFT FOR ALCOAST ANNOUNCING 2011 ESO SYMPOSIUM

SUBJ: ANNUAL EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICER SYMPOSIUM AND AWARDS

1. THE COAST GUARD INSTITUTE WILL HOST THE ANNUAL EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICER (ESO) SYMPOSIUM AT THE EMBASSY SUITES IN NORMAN, OK 9-11 AUGUST 2011. THE ESO SYMPOSIUM IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COAST GUARD TRAINING AND EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCESSES, TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM COLLEGES TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, AND TO NETWORK WITH OTHER ESOS. LAST YEARS SYMPOSIUM ATTRACTED NEARLY 300 PARTICIPANTS AND 61 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES.

2. THE THEME OF THE 2010 SYMPOSIUM IS: EDUCATION IS THE FOUNDATION. A FULL COAST GUARD INSTITUTE ESO ORIENTATION COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST FOR THOSE ESOS AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT ADVISORS WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED AN ORIENTATION COURSE AT THE INSTITUTE. THERE WILL BE OTHER CONCURRENT SESSIONS OFFERED FOR THOSE PARTICIPANTS THAT HAVE ATTENDED THE ORIENTATION.

3. THERE IS NO FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM THE COAST GUARD INSTITUTE TO ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM.

4. NOMINATION PACKAGES FOR THE COAST GUARD EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICER OF THE YEAR (ESoy) AWARDS AND THE VANDER PUTTEN INSPIRATIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR (ISOY) AWARD ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH 24 JUNE. THE RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE ESO SYMPOSIUM.

5. THE ESoy PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO RECOGNIZE EXEMPLARY MEN AND WOMEN SERVING AS FULL TIME AND COLLATERAL DUTY EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICERS. THEY ARE VITAL COMMAND LEADERS IN ASSISTING PERSONNEL RECEIVE RATE SPECIFIC TRAINING MATERIALS AND PERSUE THEIR OFF DUTY VOLUNTARY EDUCATION GOALS. IN PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES, ESOS CONTINUOUSLY INVEST A GREAT AMOUNT OF TIME TO ENSURE THE REALIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION GOALS. THEY ARE TRULY THE BACKBONE OF THE COAST GUARD EDUCATION SERVICES PROGRAM. THE ESO OF THE YEAR AWARD RECOGNIZES THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THESE VITAL MEMBERS.

6. THE VANDER PUTTEN INSPIRATIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR (ISOY) AWARD IS DESIGNED TO RECOGNIZE EXEMPLARY MEN AND WOMEN SERVING WITH THE COAST GUARD AS ACTIVE DUTY OR RESERVE MEMBERS WHO HAVE EARNED A DEGREE AT THE ASSOCIATE'S, BACHELOR'S, MASTER'S, OR DOCTORAL LEVEL. OTHER SPECIALTY DEGREES SUCH AS LAW DEGREES ALSO QUALIFY. ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE SUSTAINED EXCEPTIONAL STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY AND DEDICATION SHOULD BE NOMINATED FOR THE VANDER PUTTEN INSPIRATIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD. NOMINEES SHOULD REFLECT THE COAST GUARD'S CORE VALUES OF "HONOR, RESPECT, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY." ALL NOMINEES SHOULD BE ROLE MODELS WHOM ALL COAST GUARD PERSONNEL STRIVE TO EMULATE.

7. NOMINATIONS FOR THE COAST GUARD INSTITUTE EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC) ARE ALSO BEING ACCEPTED NOW THROUGH 24 JUNE. THE EAC WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2010 TO SERVE AS AN ADVISORY GROUP TO THE COAST GUARD VOLUNTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM, ADVOCATE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND ISSUE RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF FIELD LEVEL CUSTOMERS, AND SUPPORT AND PROMOTE COAST GUARD EDUCATION PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES.

8. FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRATION FOR THE ESO SYMPOSIUM, SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT TO PRESENT AT THE SYMPOSIUM, NOMINATING A MEMBER FOR AN AWARD, OR APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE EAC, VISIT [HTTP://WWW.USCG.MIL/HQ/CGI](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi) OR REFER TO THE COAST GUARD INSTITUTE CAMPUS NEWS DATED 1 MAY 2011.

9. RDML S. E. MEHLING, COMMANDER, FORCE READINESS COMMAND SENDS.

10. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.