Department of Homeland Security

[DOCKET NO. DHS–2016–0096]

Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Science and Technology Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee (HSSTAC) will meet on February 16–17, 2017 in Washington, DC. The meeting will be an open session with both in-person and webinar participation.

DATES: The HSSTAC will meet in-person Thursday, February 16, 2017, from 1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. and Friday, February 17, 2017, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Due to security requirements, screening pre-registration is required for this event. Please see the “REGISTRATION” section below.

The meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. appendix (Pub. L. 92–463). The committee addresses areas of interest and importance to the Under Secretary for Science and Technology (S&T), such as new developments in systems engineering, cyber-security, knowledge management and how best to leverage related technologies funded by other Federal agencies and by the private sector. It also advises the Under Secretary on policies, management processes, and organizational constructs as needed.

II. Registration

To pre-register for the virtual meeting (webinar) please send an email to: hsstac@hq.dhs.gov. The email should include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, email address, and telephone number of those interested in attending. For information on services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Michel Kareis as soon as possible.

If you plan to attend the meeting in-person you must RSVP by February 15, 2017. To register, email hsstac@hq.dhs.gov with the following subject line: RSVP to HSSTAC Meeting. The email should include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, email address, and telephone number of those interested in attending.

III. Public Comment

At the end of each open session, there will be a period for oral statements. Please note that the oral statement period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for oral statements. To register as a speaker, contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

To facilitate public participation, we invite public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee as listed in the “Agenda” below. Written comments must be received by February 6, 2017. Please include the docket number (DHS–2016–0084) and submit via one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
• Email: hsstac@hq.dhs.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.
• Fax: 202–254–6176.
• Mail: Michel Kareis, HSSTAC Executive Director, S&T IAO STOP 0205, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, Washington, DC 20528–0205.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number. Comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov.

Docket: For access to the docket to read the background documents or comments received by the HSSTAC, go to http://www.regulations.gov and enter the docket number into the search function: DHS–2016–0096.

Agenda: Day 1: This session will begin with updates from the subcommittees under HSSTAC. The Commercialization Subcommittee will present draft recommendations to the committee for discussion. The Social Media Working Group Subcommittee will present the results from the vote to accept the Best Practices document and the status of the new Federal Advisory Committee designation. The Internet of Things Smart Cities will present the final recommendations. And lastly, an update on the creation of a subcommittee on Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR) and
an update on tasking under the subcommittee will be provided. This session will be followed by questions from the public. There will be discussions on the Internet of Things draft guidance document for their Next Generation First Responder (NGFR) program and the HSSTAC FY17 planning updates followed by public comments to close out the day. 

Day 2: The morning session will begin with a meeting overview followed by sessions on Technology Scouting, Technology Transfer and Commercialization. The sessions will focus discussion on the technology development lifecycle to include best practice recommendations on how to create situational awareness of new or emerging trends, technologies, capabilities and research; develop processes to efficiently use networks and partnerships to identify, locate, and evaluate existing or developing technologies, and identify methods that can be used to engage the commercial marketplace to support the development and ultimately the acquisition by homeland security stakeholders of new technologies while prioritizing the need to leverage limited resources and maximize impact. The day will end with questions and comments from the public.

Dated: January 12, 2017.
Michel Kareis,
Executive Director, Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615–0029]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility, Form I–601; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.


ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting 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 notice was previously published in the Federal Register on October 17, 2016, at 81 FR 71522, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did receive 1 comment in connection with the 60-day notice.

DATES: The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 21, 2017. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be directed to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via email at oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Comments may also be submitted via fax at (202) 395–5806. (This is not a toll-free number.) All submissions received must include the agency name and the OMB Control Number [1615–0029].

You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140, Telephone number (202) 272–8377. (This is not a toll-free number; comments are not accepted via telephone message.) Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS Web site at http://www.uscis.gov, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800) 375–5283; TTY (800) 767–1833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments
You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: http://www.regulations.gov and enter USCIS–2007–0042 in the search 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; and

(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.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection: I–601, USCIS.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. Form I–601 is necessary for USCIS to determine whether the applicant is eligible for a waiver of inadmissibility under section 212 of the Act. Furthermore, this information collection is used by individuals who are seeking for Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I–601 is 20,194; the estimated hour burden per paper responses is 1.75 hours.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 35,340 hours.

(7) An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection: The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is $7,497,023.

Dated: January 12, 2017.

Samantha Deshommes,

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