DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS–2018–0023]

Nationwide Cyber Security Review Assessment

AGENCY: Office of Cybersecurity and Communications (CS&C), National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; New Collection, 1670—NEW.

SUMMARY: DHS NPPD CS&C will submit the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 4, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS–2018–0023, by one of the following methods:

- Email: SLTTCyber@HQ.DHS.GOV. Please include docket number DHS–2018–0023 in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: Written comments and questions about this Information Collection Request should be forwarded to DHS/NPPD/CS&C, ATTN: 1670–NEW, Donna Beach, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0612, Arlington, VA 20528.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and docket number DHS–2018–0023. Comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Donna Beach at 703–705–6213 or at SLTTCyber@HQ.DHS.GOV.


The Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended, established “a national cybersecurity and communications integration center [NCCIC] . . . to carry out certain responsibilities of the Under Secretary,” including the provision of assessments. 6 U.S.C. 148(b). The Act also directs the composition of the NCCIC to include an entity that collaborates with State and local governments on security risks and incidents, and has entered into a voluntary information sharing relationship with the NCCIC. 6 U.S.C. 148(d)(1)(E). The Multistate Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS–ISAC) currently fulfills this function. NPPD funds the MS–ISAC through a Cooperative Agreement and maintains a close relationship with this entity. As part of the Cooperative Agreement, DHS directs the MS–ISAC to produce the NCSR as contemplated by Congress.

Generally, NPPD has authority to perform risk and vulnerability assessments for Federal and non-Federal entities, with consent and upon request. The NCCIC performs these assessments in accordance with its authority to provide voluntary technical assistance to Federal and non-Federal entities. See 6 U.S.C. 148(c)(6), 143(2). This authority is consistent with the Department’s responsibility to “[c]onduct comprehensive assessments of the vulnerabilities of the Nation’s critical infrastructure in coordination with the SSA’s [Sector-Specific Agencies] and in collaboration with SLTT [State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial] entities and critical infrastructure owners and operators.” Presidential Policy Directive (PPD)–21, at 3. A private sector entity or state and local government agency also has discretion to use a self-assessment tool offered by NPPD or request NPPD to perform an on-site risk and vulnerability assessment. See 6 U.S.C. 148(c)(6), 143(2), 6 U.S.C. 121(d)(2). The NCSR is a voluntary annual self-assessment.

Upon submission of the first NCSR report in March 2012, Congress further clarified its expectation “that this survey will be updated every other year so that progress may be charted and further areas of concern may be identified.” S. Rep. No. 112–169, at 100 (2012). In each subsequent year, Congress has referenced this NCSR in its explanatory comments and recommendations accompanying the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations. Consistent with Congressional mandates, SECIR developed the NCSR to measure the gaps and capabilities of cybersecurity programs within SLTT governments. Using the anonymous results of the NCSR, DHS delivers a biannual summary report to Congress that provides a broad picture of the current cybersecurity gaps & capabilities of SLTT governments across the nation.

The assessment allows SLTT governments to manage cybersecurity related risks through the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) which consists of best practices, standards and guidelines in efforts of continuously providing Congress with an accurate representation of the SLTT
governments’ cybersecurity programs gaps and capabilities the NCSR question set may slightly change from year-to-year.

The NCSR is an annual voluntary self-assessment that is hosted on the RSA Archer Suite, which is a technology platform that provides a foundation for managing policies, controls, risks, assessments, and deficiencies across organizational lines of business. The NCSR self-assessment runs every year from October–December. In efforts of increasing participation, the deadline is sometimes extended. The target audience for the NCSR are personnel within the SLTT community who are responsible for the cybersecurity management within their organization.

Through the NCSR, DHS & MS–ISAC will examine relationships, interactions, and processes governing IT management and the ability to effectively manage operational risk. Using the anonymous results of the NCSR, DHS delivers a bi-annual summary report to Congress that provides a broad picture of the cybersecurity gaps & capabilities of SLTT governments across the nation. The bi-annual summary report is shared with MS–ISAC members, NCSR End Users, and Congress. The report is also available on the MS–ISAC website, https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac/services/ncsr/.

Upon submission of the NCSR self-assessment, participants will immediately receive access to several reports specific to their organization and their cybersecurity posture. Additionally, after the annual NCSR survey closes there will be a brief NCSR End User Survey offered to everyone who completed the NSCR assessment. The survey will provide feedback on participants’ experiences, such as from how they heard about the NCSR, what they found or did not find useful, how they will utilize the results of their assessment, and other information about their current and future interactions with the NCSR.

Additionally, MS–ISAC will administer a survey to those who were registered participants in the past and did not register or complete the most recent NCSR. The purpose of the Non-Response Survey is to solicit feedback on ways the NSCR could be improved and to take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The feedback survey will be administered via SurveyMonkey and settings will be updated to opt out of collecting participants’ IP addresses.

The Non-Response Survey will be fully electronic and take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The survey will be administered via SurveyMonkey and settings will be updated to opt out of collecting participants’ IP addresses.

This is a new information collection.

OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

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 submissions of responses.

Title of Collection: Nationwide Cyber Security Review Assessment.

OMB Control Number: 1670–NEW.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial entities.

Number of Respondents: 591.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 2 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 1,278.

Total Burden Cost (Capital/Startup): $0.

Total Recordkeeping Burden: $0.

Total Burden Cost (Operating/ Maintaining): $0.

David Epperson, Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[DOcket No. FR–7002–N–09]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Program

AGENCY: The Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: September 4, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone 202–402–3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at colette.pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information.

Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Quinn Warner, Affordable Housing Specialist, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email at quinn.a.warner@hud.gov or telephone 202–402–1401. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Housing Trust Fund (HTF).

OMB Approval Number: 2506–New.

Type of Request: New collection.