

Assessment Bulletins (CABs).

Additionally, comments are sought on the inclusion of tests for the P25 Inter-Radio Frequency Subsystem Interface (ISSI) in the P25 CAP process.

The proposed CABs will be posted on <http://www.safecomprogram.gov>. Public comments on these documents and the Program are encouraged and will be collected through the Web site prior to the meeting. Public comments will also be received during the session, as time permits. DHS OIC will post details of the meeting, including the agenda, ten business days in advance of the meeting at <http://www.safecomprogram.gov>. The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** in this Notice provides background information on the P25 suite of standards and the establishment of the P25 CAP.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The session will take place via conference call. To participate, please send an e-mail to [Jen\\_Menaker@sra.com](mailto:Jen_Menaker@sra.com) by June 22, 2009, for access information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Emergency responders—emergency medical technicians, fire personnel, and law enforcement officers—need to seamlessly exchange communications across disciplines and jurisdictions in order to successfully respond to day-to-day incidents and large-scale emergencies. P25 focuses on developing standards that allow radios and other components to interoperate, regardless of the manufacturer. In turn, these standards enable emergency responders to seamlessly exchange critical communications with other disciplines and jurisdictions.

An initial goal of P25 is to specify formal standards for interfaces between the components of a land mobile radio (LMR) system. LMR systems are commonly used by emergency responders in portable handheld and mobile vehicle-mounted devices. Although formal standards are being developed, no process is currently in place to confirm that LMR equipment advertised as P25-compliant meets all aspects of P25 standards.

To address discrepancies between P25 standards and industry equipment, Congress passed legislation calling for

the creation of the P25 CAP. The P25 CAP is a partnership between the DHS Command, Control and Interoperability Division; the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology; industry; and the emergency response community.

The P25 CAP provides an independent process for evaluating P25 equipment for standards compliance and interoperability across manufacturers. By providing manufacturers with a method to test their equipment for compliance with P25 standards, the P25 CAP helps emergency response officials make informed purchasing decisions.

The P25 CAP requires test laboratories to demonstrate their competence through a rigorous and objective assessment process. Such a process promotes the user community's confidence in, and acceptance of, test results from DHS-recognized laboratories. All equipment suppliers that participate in the P25 CAP must use recognized laboratories to conduct performance, conformance, and interoperability tests on their products. P25 equipment suppliers will release Summary Test Reports and Suppliers Declarations of Compliance based on testing from laboratories recognized by DHS. This documentation will assure the public that P25 equipment complies with established standards.

Created by DHS OIC, CABs describe how the P25 CAP operates and address issues related to the Program. The scope of a CAB can range from policy to guidance, covering issues such as specific test standards to be used for a particular P25 interface, or P25 LMR Request for Proposal guidance. During the upcoming meeting, updates to two CABs will be discussed. The CAB updates are as follows:

- **Summary Test Report Requirements**—This CAB has been updated to include the identification of which vocoder is present in the product being tested. The format of the document has been restructured in order to accommodate additional P25 interfaces that will be added to the Program in the future.

- **Supplier's Declaration of Compliance Requirements**—This CAB has been updated to include the identification of which vocoder is present in the product being tested.

Draft versions of these two CABs are available at: <http://www.safecomprogram.gov>. Public comments on the updates to these documents are encouraged and can be submitted through the Web site prior to the meeting.

There will be additional discussion on the creation of a new CAB regarding the inclusion of the ISSI interface in the Program. Discussion will focus on the timeline for inclusion of the interface as well as which tests should be required. Public comments on this topic can be submitted through the Web site prior to the meeting. Public comments will also be received during the session, as time permits.

More information about the P25 CAP is available at <http://www.safecomprogram.gov>.

Dated: June 8, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2009-0001]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; 30-day notice and request for comments; revision of a currently approved information collection; OMB No. 1660-0097; FEMA Form—None.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and includes the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and sent via

electronic mail to [oir.submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir.submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Records Management Division, 1800 South Bell Street, Arlington, VA 20598-3005, facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or e-mail address [FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* Citizen Corps Affiliate Programs and Organizations Application.

*Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0097.

*Form Titles and Numbers:* FEMA Form—None.

*Abstract:* Citizen Corps Affiliate Programs and Organizations offer communities resources for public education, outreach, and training; represent volunteers interested in helping to make their community safer; or offer volunteer service opportunities to support first responders, disaster relief activities, and community safety efforts. Providing formal recognition to these programs and similar organizations through Affiliation with Citizen Corps, the program reaches a broader audience which can assist in reaching the goal of having every American participate in making their communities and families safer.

*Affected Public:* “Not-for-profit Institutions”.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Average Hour Burden per Respondent:* 4.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 32.

*Estimated Cost:* There is no annual reporting or recordkeeping cost associated with this collection.

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Office of Management, Federal Emergency  
Management Agency, Department of  
Homeland Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management  
Agency**

[Docket ID: FEMA-2009-0001]

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Proposed Collection;  
Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; 60-day notice and request for comments; revision of a currently approved information collection; OMB No. 1660-0087; No Forms.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed revision of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this Notice seeks comments concerning the revision of the Preparedness Comprehensive Assessment Support Tool (PrepCAST) (formerly known as the National Incident Management System Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST)). PrepCAST is a self-assessment tool for State, territorial, Tribal, and local governments to evaluate and report on their jurisdiction's achievement with regard to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) implementation activities relating to the preparedness of the respondent to react to emergency incidents. PrepCAST will also collect preparedness data using the Targeted Capabilities List (TCL) framework.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 18, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please use only one of the following means to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* Submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket ID FEMA-2009-0001. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) *Mail.* Submit written comments to Office of Chief Counsel, Regulation and Policy Team, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 835, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

(3) *Facsimile.* Submit comments to (703) 483-2999.

(4) *E-mail.* Submit comments to [FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov). Include docket ID FEMA-2009-0001 in the subject line.

All submissions received must include the agency name and docket ID.

Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available on the Privacy and Use Notice link on the Administration Navigation Bar of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact Bill Schwinn, Assessments Section Chief, Preparedness Policy, Planning, and Analysis, National Preparedness Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, (202) 786-9595 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Branch for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or e-mail address:

[FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 2003, Homeland Security Presidential Directive-8: National Preparedness (HSPD-8) called for establishing a system that would assess the Nation's overall preparedness and provide an annual status report of national preparedness. Three years later, the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act (PKEMRA) included requirements to establish a “comprehensive system to assess, on an ongoing basis, the Nation's prevention capabilities and overall preparedness.”

The National Preparedness Directorate (NPD) within FEMA is charged with developing the Comprehensive Assessment System (CAS). The CAS will, as mandated by PKEMRA 649(c)(1-4), assess compliance with the national preparedness system, the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and other related plans; assess capability levels against target levels; assess resource needs to meet target levels; and assess the performance of training, exercises, and operations.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* PrepCAST (formerly NIMSCAST).

*Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0087.

*Form Titles and Numbers:* No Forms.

*Abstract:* The PrepCAST is a standardized data collection and assessment process that effectively assesses prevention, protection,