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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; CF Centers.

*Date:* December 12, 2011.

*Time:* 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: November 17, 2011.

**Jennifer S. Spaeth,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2011-0098]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for Review; Information Collection Request for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Science and Technology, Protected Repository for the Defense of Infrastructure Against Cyber Threats (PREDICT) Program

**AGENCY:** Science and Technology Directorate, DHS.

**ACTION:** 60-day Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Science & Technology (S&T) Directorate invites the general public to comment on data collection

forms for the Protected Repository for the Defense of Infrastructure against Cyber Threats (PREDICT) program, and is a revision of a previously approved collection. The PREDICT program facilitates the accessibility of computer and network operational data for use in cyber security research and development through the establishment of distributed repositories of security-relevant network operations data, and the application procedures, protection policies, and review processes necessary to make this data available to the cyber defense research community. The forms allow the PREDICT initiative to provide a central repository, accessible through a Web-based portal (<https://www.predict.org/>) that catalogs current computer network operational data, provide secure access to multiple sources of data collected as a result of use and traffic on the Internet, and facilitate data flow among PREDICT participants for the purpose of developing new models, technologies and products that support effective threat assessment and increase cyber security capabilities. The PREDICT Coordinating Center (PCC) has established application procedures, protection policies, and review processes necessary to make this data available to the cyber defense research community, and PREDICT has been operational since Fall 2008. In order for a user to access PREDICT data, s/he must complete a registration form to establish a user account. The information collected is used by the DHS S&T PREDICT program to determine the authenticity and validate the requestor's stated research against the data requested.

The DHS invites interested persons to comment on the following form and instructions (hereinafter "Forms Package") for the S&T PREDICT program. Interested persons may receive a copy of the Forms Package by contacting the DHS S&T PRA Coordinator. This notice and request for comments is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 23, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2011-0098, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [Millie.Ives@dhs.gov](mailto:Millie.Ives@dhs.gov). Please include docket number DHS-2011-0098 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (202) 254-6171. (Not a toll-free number.)

- *Mail:* Science and Technology Directorate, ATTN: Chief Information Office—Millie Ives, 245 Murray Drive, Mail Stop 0202, Washington, DC 20528.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** DHS S&T PRA Coordinator Millie Ives (202) 254-6828. (Not a toll free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information will be collected via the DHS S&T PREDICT secure Web site at <http://www.predict.org/>. The PREDICT Web site employs only secure web-based technology to collect information from users to both reduce the burden and increase the efficiency of this collection.

The Department is committed to improving its information collection and urges all interested parties to suggest how these materials can further reduce burden while seeking necessary information under the Act.

DHS 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) Suggest ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- (4) Suggest ways to 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.

### Overview of This Information Collection

- (1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

- (2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Science and Technology, Protected Repository for the Defense of Infrastructure against Cyber Threats (PREDICT) program.

- (3) *Agency Form Number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Department of Homeland Security, Science & Technology Directorate, Cyber Security Division (CSD).

- (4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief*

*abstract:* Individuals, consisting of federal, state and local law enforcement, private sector and academia practitioners. The information collected will be leveraged to determine the authenticity and suitability of the practitioner requesting access. Once approved, users will utilize the collaborative environment to upload documents/resources, exchange information, network with other users, as well as post blogs and comments.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:*

a. *Estimate of the total number of respondents:* 243.

b. *Estimate of the time for an average respondent to respond:* 0.5 burden hours.

c. *Estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 118.5 burden hours.

Dated: November 10, 2011.

**Rick Stevens,**

*Chief Information Officer for Science and Technology.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

[Docket No. DHS-2011-0106]

**President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

**ACTION:** Committee Management; Notice of an Open Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) will meet on Thursday, December 8, 2011. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The NSTAC will meet Thursday, December 8, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facility located at 500 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20024. For access to the facility, contact Ms. Deirdre Gallop-Anderson at (703) 235-4282 or by email at [deirdre.gallop-anderson@dhs.gov](mailto:deirdre.gallop-anderson@dhs.gov) by 5 p.m. on December 2, 2011.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities

or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Deirdre Gallop-Anderson as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee as listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Associated briefing materials that will be discussed during the meeting will be available at <http://www.ncs.gov/nstac> for review by Friday, December 2, 2011. Comments must be received in writing by the Acting Director of the National Communications System no later than January 8, 2012, and must be identified by **Federal Register** Docket Number DHS-2011-0106 and may be submitted by any one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting written comments.

- **Email:** [NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov). Include the docket number in the subject line of the email message.

- **Fax:** (703) 235-4981

- **Mail:** Acting Director, National Communications System, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, Mail Stop 0615, Arlington, VA 20598-0615.

**Instructions:** All written submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided.

**Docket:** For access to the docket, background documents or comments received by the NSTAC, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

A public comment period will be held during the meeting on December 8, 2011, from 1:10 p.m. to 1:25 p.m. Speakers are required to register in advance in order to comment and are requested to limit their comments to three minutes. Speakers will be taken in order of registration, with the understanding that not all registered speakers may be accommodated within the allotted time. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Contact Ms. Deirdre Gallop-Anderson at (703) 235-4282 or by email at [deirdre.gallop-anderson@dhs.gov](mailto:deirdre.gallop-anderson@dhs.gov) by 5 p.m. December 2, 2011, to register as a speaker.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allen F. Woodhouse, NSTAC Designated Federal Officer, Department of Homeland Security, telephone (703) 235-4214.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463). The NSTAC advises the President on matters related to national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) telecommunications policy.

During the meeting, NSTAC members will receive feedback from the Department of Homeland Security and the Executive Office of the President regarding ongoing NSTAC recommendations. They will also receive an update from the Cloud Computing Subcommittee, and receive an update on the National Public Safety Broadband Network Subcommittee scoping effort. Additionally, there will be three discussions about Priority Services for Next Generation Networks, a Cyber Code of Conduct and current NS/EP communications issues related to risk management. The NSTAC will discuss options for developing and deploying Next Generation Network Priority Service capabilities to ensure a seamless transition from existing circuit-switched Priority Services as the carriers transition to Internal Protocol platforms. During the session on Cyber Code of Conduct, Federal Government officials and members will discuss the issue of the potential economic impact and policy issues related to botnets and the problems they cause to computer systems, businesses, and consumers. (Botnets are a group of compromised computers that are connected to the Internet and are used for malicious purposes). This discussion will include steps to stop botnets from propagating and to remove or mitigate the malicious software where installed. The last discussion will center around industry's current risk management practices for NS/EP, how to better utilize these practices in Government to assure better response to cyber threats and how improving mechanisms for sharing threat information with industry can improve mitigation of cyber threats.

Dated: November 17, 2011.

**Michael Echols,**

*Alternate Designated Federal Official for the NSTAC.*

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