

individuals are both permitted. Only one nomination per individual is required. Multiple nominations for the same individual will not increase likelihood of selection. Non-federal public members may be selected from the pool of submitted nominations or other sources as needed to meet statutory requirements and to form a balanced committee that represents the diversity within the muscular dystrophy communities. Nominations are especially encouraged from leaders or representatives of muscular dystrophy research, advocacy, or service organizations, as well as individuals with muscular dystrophy or their parents or guardians. In accordance with White House Office of Management and Budget guidelines (FR Doc. 2014–19140), federally-registered lobbyists are not eligible.

**Committee Composition:** The Department strives to ensure that the membership of HHS Federal advisory committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee's function. Every effort is made to ensure that the views of all genders, all ethnic and racial groups, and people with disabilities are represented on HHS Federal advisory committees and, therefore, the Department encourages nominations of qualified candidates from these groups. The Department also encourages geographic diversity in the composition of the Committee. Appointment to this Committee shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status. Requests for reasonable accommodation to enable participation on the Committee should be indicated in the nomination submission.

**Member Terms:** Non-Federal public members of the Committee serve for a term of three years and may serve for an unlimited number of terms if reappointed. Members may serve after the expiration of their terms, until their successors have taken office.

**Meetings and Travel:** As specified by Public Law 113–166, the MDCC “shall meet no fewer than two times per calendar year.” Travel expenses are provided for non-federal public Committee members to facilitate attendance at in-person meetings. Members are expected to make every effort to attend all full committee meetings, twice per year, either in person or via remote access. Participation in relevant subcommittee, working and planning group meetings, and workshops, is also encouraged.

**Submission Instructions and Deadline:** Nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 28, 2023, and should be sent to Glen Nuckolls, Ph.D., by email to [nuckollg@ninds.nih.gov](mailto:nuckollg@ninds.nih.gov).

Nominations must include contact information for the nominee, a current curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee, and a paragraph describing the qualifications of the person to represent some portion(s) of the muscular dystrophy research, advocacy, and/or patient care communities.

More information about the MDCC is available at <https://mdcc.nih.gov/>.

Dated: March 8, 2023.

**Walter J. Koroshetz,**

*Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

**Name of Committee:** Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Stress, Endocannabinoid Signaling, and Cocaine Seeking Behavior.

**Date:** April 6, 2023.

**Time:** 2 to 5 p.m.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

**Contact Person:** Simone Chebabo Weiner, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1011K, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1042, [weinersc@csr.nih.gov](mailto:weinersc@csr.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844,

93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: March 9, 2023.

**Melanie J. Pantoja,**

*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket Number DHS–2023–0012]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Generic Clearance for Pretesting Instruments and Procedures for Evaluation, Research, and Evidence Building

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, 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 May 15, 2023. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number Docket #DHS–2023–0012, at:

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

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number Docket #DHS–2023–0012. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) intends to request approval from OMB for a generic clearance to pretest data collection instruments and procedures with more than nine participants to identify and resolve any question or procedural problems in DHS's survey administration. The Generic Clearance for Pretesting Instruments and Procedures for Evaluation, Research, and Evidence-Building is a new information collection request.

The DHS studies its programs, and the populations they serve, through rigorous evaluation, research, and evidence-building activities. These include evaluations of existing programs, evaluations of innovative approaches to allow the Agency to respond to its evolving threat environment with effective strategies and operations that ensure a safe, secure, and prosperous Homeland, research syntheses, and descriptive and exploratory studies. To improve the development of its surveys used in evaluation, research, and evidence-building activities, the DHS intends to pretest data collection instruments and procedures through a variety of techniques including cognitive and usability laboratory and field techniques, behavior coding, exploratory interviews, respondent debriefing questionnaires, split sample experiments, focus groups, and pilot studies/pretests. These activities will allow the DHS to identify if and when a survey may be simplified for respondents, respondent burden may be reduced, and other possible improvements.

The DHS will use the results of information collections internally to inform subsequent information collection requests. The information collected is not intended to be used as the principal basis for a decision by a federal decision-maker and is not expected to meet the threshold of influential or highly influential scientific information.

The DHS will test a variety of instruments and procedures under this clearance. The exact nature of the instruments and the samples is dependent on each individual project and details will be provided for each individual information collection requests submitted. The particular samples included in future generic information collection requests will vary based on the content of the instrument being tested. The DHS and its contractors will collect information electronically and/or use online collaboration tools, as appropriate, to reduce the burden. Specific information regarding the use of technology will be submitted with each individual information collection request. Following standard OMB requirements, the DHS will submit a change request for each individual data collection activity under this generic clearance. Each request will include the individual instrument(s), a justification specific to the individual information collection, and any supplementary documents. OMB should review within 10 days of receiving each change request.

Respondents include participants in DHS programs being evaluated; participants in DHS pilots and demonstrations; recipients of DHS grants and individuals served by DHS grantees; comparison group members; and other relevant populations, such as individuals eligible for DHS services. Small business or other small entities may be involved in these efforts but the DHS will minimize the burden on them of information collections approved under this clearance by sampling, asking for readily available information, and using short, easy-to-complete information collection instruments.

This may include one-time collections or iterative testing, based on the specific situation. In all cases, without the proposed information collection activities, the quality of the data collected for DHS studies would suffer. Pretesting of the scale envisioned here would not be done under other circumstances due to the time constraints of seeking clearance for each individual survey's pretesting plan. The efficient and timely pretesting and piloting efforts allow feedback to contribute directly to more targeted and improved study designs. Conversely, the failure to engage in pretesting and pilot data collection limits the DHS's ability to improve the quality of evidence about programs, pilots, initiatives, and services while reducing administrative burden to the public.

If the Privacy Act does apply to a collection, the DHS will provide a Privacy Act statement, System of Record Notices (SORN), or other associated documentation, as appropriate. Participation in any formative data collection effort will be voluntary, and personally identifiable information will only be collected to the extent necessary. Respondents will be informed of all planned data uses, that their participation is voluntary, and that their information will be kept private to the extent permitted by law. All data collection shall protect respondent privacy to the extent permitted by law and will comply with all Federal and Agency regulations for private information. If a confidentiality pledge is deemed necessary, the Agency will only include a pledge of confidentiality supported by authority established in statute or regulation, supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge.

The primary purpose of data collected under this generic clearance is not for publication. However, because the pretesting and piloting data collection efforts are intended to inform the DHS's decision-making related to evidence-building and programmatic activities,

results of these methodological studies may be made public through methodological appendices or footnotes, reports on instrument development, instrument user guides, descriptions of respondent behavior, and other publications or presentations describing findings of methodological interest. The results of these pretesting activities may be prepared for presentation at professional meetings or publication in professional journals. Although not anticipated, the DHS may receive requests to release the information (e.g., congressional inquiry, Freedom of Information Act requests) and will disseminate the findings when appropriate, following the Agency's guidelines. Results will be labeled as exploratory in nature and any limitations will be described.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

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.

#### **Analysis**

*Agency:* Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

*Title:* Generic Clearance for Pretesting Instruments and Procedures for Evaluation, Research, and Evidence Building.

*OMB Number:* OMB Control Number.

*Frequency:* One-time collections or iterative testing, based on the specific situation.

*Affected Public:* Participants in DHS programs being evaluated; participants in DHS pilots and demonstrations; recipients of DHS grants and individuals served by DHS grantees; comparison group members; and other relevant populations, such as individuals eligible for DHS services.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,590.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 64 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,825.

**Robert Dorr,**

*Executive Director, Business Management Directorate.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket Number DHS-2023-0011]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Generic Clearance for Formative Data Collections for Evaluation, Research, and Evidence Building

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, 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 May 15, 2023. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number Docket #DHS-2023-0011, at:

○ *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

<https://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number Docket #DHS-2023-0011. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) intends to request approval from OMB for a generic clearance to design and conduct formative studies with more than nine participants that inform the DHS's evaluation, research, and evidence-building activities. The Generic Clearance for Formative Data Collections for Evaluation, Research, and Evidence Building is a new information collection request.

The DHS anticipates undertaking various new evaluation, research, and

evidence-building activities related to the priority questions identified in the Agency's Learning Agenda and Annual Evaluation Plans. The evidence-building activities include formative evaluations of existing programs, process, and new initiatives; logic model development and testing; process or journey mapping; research syntheses; survey, questionnaire, and metric development; analysis; and foundational fact-finding through descriptive and exploratory studies. Pursuant to Executive Orders 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, and 14058, Transforming Federal Customer Experience and Service Delivery to Rebuild Trust in Government, the DHS continuously seeks to ensure that the Agency's programs are effective, designed and delivered in a manner all people can navigate, reach underserved communities, promote equitable delivery of services, and meet customers' needs. In accordance with the DHS's commitment to advancing equity, improving service delivery, and promoting trust, the information collected under this generic clearance is necessary to enable the Agency to gather customer and stakeholder feedback in a timely and efficient manner.

Under this generic clearance, the DHS would engage in a variety of formative and exploratory data collections with DHS grantees, program and potential program providers and participants, researchers, practitioners, and other stakeholders to fulfill the following goals:

- maintain a rigorous and relevant evaluation and research agenda,
- inform the development of the DHS's evidence-building activities,
- inform the delivery of targeted assistance and workflows related to program and grantee processes,
- inform the development and refinement of recordkeeping and communication systems,
- plan for provision of programmatic or evidence-capacity-related training or technical assistance,
- obtain grantee or stakeholder input on the development or refinement of program logic models, evaluations, and performance measures,
- test activities to strengthen programs, and
- preparation for summative evaluations.

The formative studies will collect data using well-established methodologies, including but not limited to semi-structured small group discussions or focus groups, questionnaires and surveys, observation, interviews, and cognitive interviews and user testing

(e.g., in-person, video, and audio collections). The data collected will be used to improve internal decision-making, such as improvements of program management and the delivery of products and services, and to inform future studies but will not be highly systematic nor intended to be statistically representative. The data collection efforts are also not intended to produce influential information that is expected to have a genuinely clear and substantial impact on major policy decisions.

The DHS will conduct a variety of formative studies under this clearance. The exact nature of the instruments and the samples is dependent on each individual project and details will be provided for each individual information collection requests submitted. The DHS and its contractors will collect information electronically and/or use online collaboration tools, as appropriate, to reduce the burden. Specific information regarding the use of technology will be submitted with each individual information collection request. Following standard OMB requirements, the DHS will submit a change request for each individual data collection activity under this generic clearance. Each request will include the data collection method, sampling strategy, a copy of the individual instruments or questionnaires, recruitment materials, protocols, and as appropriate, other supplementary materials describing the project. OMB should review within 10 days of receiving each change request.

Respondents include DHS grantees, program and potential program providers and participants, researchers, practitioners, and other stakeholder groups involved in DHS programs, experts in fields pertaining to DHS evaluation and research, or others involved in conducting DHS evaluation, research, or evidence-building projects. Small business or other small entities may be involved in these efforts but the DHS will minimize the burden on them of information collections approved under this clearance by sampling, asking for readily available information, and using short, easy-to-complete information collection instruments.

The DHS anticipates that all data information collected under this generic clearance will involve a one-time data collection. However, if a data collection effort involved a more frequent collection, the rationale and detail will be provided in the individual information collection request. These data collections will allow for collaborative, ongoing, and actionable communications between the Agency