

**DATES:** Written comments on the adoption and implementation of the eighth edition of the *Guide* must be received by NIH on or before April 24, 2011 in order to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Public comments may be entered at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/2011guidecomments/add.htm>.

Comments will be made publicly available. Personally identifiable information (except organizational affiliations) will be removed prior to making comments publicly available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, Office of Extramural Research, NIH, RKL1, Suite 360, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7982; telephone 301-496-7163.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The *Guide*, first published in 1963, is a widely accepted primary reference on animal care and use. Recommendations in the *Guide* are based on published data, scientific principles, expert opinion, and experience with methods and practices that are determined to be consistent with high quality, humane animal care and use. The eighth edition of the *Guide* was published in January 2011 following a study by the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). The NAS study process began in 2008 and followed the requirements of Section 15 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The NAS study process is described at the NAS Web site: <http://www.nationalacademies.org/studyprocess/index.html>.

Since 1985, the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, authorized by Public Law 99-158, 42 U.S.C. 289d, and incorporated by reference at 42 CFR 52.8 and 42 CFR 52a.8, has required that institutions receiving PHS support for animal activities base their animal care and use programs on the current edition of the *Guide* and comply, as applicable, with the Animal Welfare Act and other Federal statutes and regulations relating to animal activities. The PHS Policy is applicable to all PHS-conducted or -supported activities (including research, research training, experimentation or biological testing, or related purposes) involving live vertebrate animals.

The eighth edition of the *Guide* contains substantive changes and additions from the previous edition. To gain insight from institutions on the impact of changes to the *Guide* on their animal care and use programs, NIH seeks comments on whether it should

adopt the eighth edition of the *Guide*. NIH simultaneously proposes an implementation plan for the eighth edition of the *Guide* and seeks comments on the proposed plan.

The implementation plan proposed by NIH would require institutions to complete at least one semiannual program and facility evaluation, using the eighth edition of the *Guide* as the basis for evaluation, by March 31, 2012. For such an evaluation to be considered complete by NIH, it would need to include reasonable and specific plans and schedules for corrections of deficiencies where appropriate.

**II. Electronic Access**

The eighth edition of the *Guide* is available on the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare Web site at <http://olaw.nih.gov>.

Dated: March 23, 2011.

**Francis S. Collins,**

*Director, National Institutes of Health.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

[Docket No. DHS-2011-0009]

**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 Tuesday, April 19, 2011, via a conference call. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The NSTAC will meet Tuesday, April 19, 2011, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via a conference call. For access to the conference bridge, contact Ms. Sue Daage at (703) 235-4964 or by e-mail at [sue.daage@dhs.gov](mailto:sue.daage@dhs.gov) by 5:00 p.m. April 12, 2011.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee as listed in the "Summary" section below. Associated briefing materials that will be discussed on the conference call will be available at <http://www.ncs.gov/nstac> for review as

of April 8, 2011. Written comments must be received by the Deputy Manager no later than April 12, 2011, identified by **Federal Register** Docket Number DHS-2011-0009 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.

- *E-mail:* [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:* Deputy Manager, 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. Written comments received will be posted without alteration at <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 <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Madon, NSTAC Designated Federal Officer, Department of Homeland Security, telephone (703) 235-4900.

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

The NSTAC Chair, Mr. James Crowe, will call the meeting to order and provide opening remarks. The NSTAC members will discuss and vote on the Communications Resiliency Report and receive an update on the cloud computing scoping effort.

*Meeting Agenda:*

- I. Opening Remarks and Introductions
- II. Discussion and Vote on the Communications Resiliency Report
- III. Update on the Cloud Computing Scoping Effort
- IV. Closing Remarks

Dated: March 18, 2011.

**James Madon,**

*Designated Federal Officer for the NSTAC.*

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