SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CFSAC was established on September 5, 2002. The Committee was established to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the Assistant Secretary for Health, on a broad range of topics including: (1) The current state of knowledge and research and the relevant gaps in knowledge and research about the epidemiology, etiologies, biomarkers and risk factors relating to CFS, and identifying potential opportunities in these areas; (2) impact and implications of current and proposed diagnosis and treatment methods for CFS; (3) development and implementation of programs to inform the public, health care professionals, and the biomedical academic and research communities about CFS advances; and (4) partnering to improve the quality of life of CFS patients.

Nominations: The Office on Women’s Health is requesting nominations to fill CFSAC positions that are scheduled to be vacated. The positions are scheduled to become vacant in April 2012. The Committee membership consists of 11 members. The Committee is composed of seven biomedical research scientists with demonstrated expertise in biomedical research applicable to CFS and four individuals with demonstrated expertise in health care delivery, private health care services or insurers, or voluntary organizations concerned with the problems of individuals with CFS. The scheduled vacancies affect both member categories.

Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee will serve as voting members. Individuals selected for appointment to the committee can be invited to serve terms of up to four years. Committee members receive a stipend for attending Committee meetings and also are authorized to receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred to attend the meetings.

To qualify for consideration of appointment to the Committee, an individual must possess and demonstrate experience and expertise in the designated fields or disciplines, as well as expert knowledge of the broad issues and topics pertinent to CFS.

Nominations should be typewritten. The original nomination package should include: (1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (i.e., specific attributes which qualify the nominee for being considered for appointment to the Committee), and a statement that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee; (2) the nominator’s name, address, and daytime telephone number, and contact information (specifically, home and/or work address, telephone number and e-mail address) for the nominated individual; and (3) a current copy of the nominated individual’s curriculum vitae or resume.

Nominations that do not provide these three elements will not be considered.

Nominations of Federal employees should not be submitted; Federal employees will not be considered for appointment to the Committee.

The Department makes every effort 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 a broad representation of geographic areas, gender, ethnic and minority groups, and people with disabilities are given consideration for membership on HHS Federal advisory committees. 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. Potential candidates will be required to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts to permit evaluation of possible conflicts of interest.

Dated: July 12, 2011.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health—Women’s Health and Executive Secretary, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Agency Information Collection Activities: Case Submission Form, Case Assistance Form

(F orm DHS–7001), Online Ombudsman Form DHS–7001

AGENCY: Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Service Ombudsman, DHS.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Revision of currently approved collection.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Service Ombudsman 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 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 16, 2011. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and questions about this Information Collection Request should be forwarded to Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, DHS, Attn.: Chief of Special Programs, Mail Stop 1225, Washington, DC 20528–1225. Comments may also be submitted to DHA via facsimile to 202–272–8352, 202–357–0042 or via e-mail at rfs.reg@dhs.gov or cisombudsman@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) Ombudsman was created under section 452 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–296) to: (1) Assist individuals and employers in resolving problems with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); (2) to identify areas in which individuals and employers have problems in dealing with USCIS; and (3) to the extent possible, propose changes in the administrative practices of USCIS to mitigate problems. This form is used by an applicant who is experiencing problems with USCIS during the processing of an immigration benefit.

The information collected on this form will allow the CIS Ombudsman to identify the issue such as: (1) A case problem which is a request for information about a case that was filed with USCIS (“case problem”); or (2) the identification of a systemic issue that may or may not pertain to an individual case which the individual, attorney or employer is seeking to bring to the attention of the CIS Ombudsman (“trend”). For case problems, the CIS Ombudsman will refer case specific issues to the Customer Assistance Office for USCIS for further research, and review.

For trends received, the CIS Ombudsman notes the systemic issue identified in the correspondence which may or may not be incorporated into future recommendations submitted to the Director of USCIS pursuant to section 452(d)(4) of Public Law 107–296.

The use of this form provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. The CIS Ombudsman anticipates employing the use of information technology in collecting and processing information by offering the option for electronic submission of the DHS Form 7001 in
FY2012. The technology for electronic capture of this data is in the final phase of development with successful testing of a pilot version conducted in the 4th quarter of FY2010. We are requesting a two year approval for the form anticipating Government Paperwork Elimination Act compliance for electronic means for collections to be developed and deployed by FY2012. We plan to submit any required paperwork to amend this document for the electronic version of this form during FY2011. There has been no increase or decrease in the estimated annual burden hours previously reported for this information collection. There is no change in the information being collected, however there have been cosmetic changes to the form including punctuation and formatting. The title of the form has changed from “Case Problem Submission Worksheet (CIS Ombudsman Form DHS–7001)” to “Case Assistance Form (Form DHS–7001)” The name of the system has changed from “Virtual Ombudsman System” to “Online Ombudsman Form DHS–7001”. The instructions have been updated to reflect the electronic submission options. Instructions for electronic submission will be posted on the CIS Ombudsman Web site at http://www.dhs.gov/cisombudsman.

The terms of clearance from the previously approved collection have been addressed by updates to the: (a) Privacy Impact Assessment for the Office of the Citizenship & Immigration Services Ombudsman (CISOMB) Virtual Ombudsman System (March 19, 2010); and the (b) Systems of Records Notice: 9110–98 Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Secretary [Docket No. DHS–2009–0146] Privacy Act of 1974; Department of Homeland Security Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman—001 Virtual Ombudsman System (March 2010) to reflect the name change to Online Ombudsman Form DHS–7001 System of Records. These documents are currently under review by DHS HQ Privacy Office.

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


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Chief Information Officer.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If additional information is required contact: The Department of Homeland Security, Attn.: Daniel Yereb, djy1@dhs.gov, 703–647–8052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Homeland Security, Office of Health Affairs/OCMO Early Detection Division will collect information from BioWatch jurisdictions. The BioWatch Program operates aerosol collector equipment in approximately 30 U.S. jurisdictions to monitor for the presence of organisms that may be related to the deliberate release of a select subset of biological threat agents. Information is collected in writing by a representative of a BioWatch jurisdiction (either an employee, or a contractor) assigned responsibility for installing and removing filters from aerosol collection devices and transportation to local laboratories for sample analysis. A standard filter log form is completed for each sample and is archived by the BioWatch jurisdiction for a period of one year. The BioWatch Program reimburses participating jurisdictions for the cost of collection and laboratory analysis activities, including the preparation of the filter log form and other documentation. The creation of a written record for each sample is required to support law enforcement activities, including criminal prosecution in the case of a deliberate release of a biological agent.