DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS–2012–0053]

Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee (HSSTAC)

AGENCY: Science and Technology Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee (HSSTAC) will meet on September 27–28, 2012 in Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The HSSTAC will meet Thursday, September 27, 2012, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and Friday, September 28, 2012, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. The meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Science and Technology Directorate, 1120 Vermont Avenue NW. (Room 5–212), Washington DC.

All visitors must pre-register in order to gain entrance to the building. To register, please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, below. Alternatively, you may register via this Web site: https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=20124214E. Please provide your name, citizenship, organization (if any), title (if any), email address (if any), and telephone number.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, below.

The materials that are provided to committee members will also be provided to the public. Materials that are sent to committee members in advance will be posted on the public Web site below at the same time. Materials that are provided to committee members at the meeting will be made available to any members of the public present at the same time, and also posted to the public Web site below as soon as possible after the meeting. Check this Web site after Sept. 12: http://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-science-and-technology-advisory-committee-hsstac.

To facilitate public participation, we invite public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee as listed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below. Comments may be submitted orally or in writing, or both. If submitting in writing, please include the docket number (DHS–2012–0053) and submit by one of these methods before September 25:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• Email: mary.hanson@hq.dhs.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

• Fax: 202–254–6176.

• Mail: Mary Hanson, HSSTAC Executive Director, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, Bldg. 410, Washington, DC 20528.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number. Comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the HSSTAC, go to http://www.regulations.gov.

A period is allotted for oral public comment on September 28 after DHS officials provide briefings on each issue listed below and prior to the members making their recommendations.

Speakers are asked to pre-register as such, and to limit their comments to three minutes or less. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. To register as a speaker, contact the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Hanson, HSSTAC Executive Director, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, Bldg. 410, Washington, DC 20528, 202–254–5866(O), 202–254–5823 (F), mary.hanson@hq.dhs.gov.

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 HSSTAC was established and operates in accordance with the provisions of the FACA. The committee addresses areas of interest and importance to the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, such as new developments in systems engineering, cyber-security, knowledge management and how best to leverage related technologies funded by other federal agencies and by the private sector. It also advises the Under Secretary on policies, management processes, and organizational constructs as needed.

Agenda: Because this committee was recently reconstituted under a new
charter, this first meeting will include administrative briefings and orientation. On the first day, members will receive introductory and administrative briefings from DHS officials about the Department of Homeland Security. On the second day, members will focus on the following issues: How Technology Can Address Homeland Security Challenges, Accelerating Innovation Through Systems Analysis, and Leveraging Industry for Impact. Members will first receive briefings and “problem statements” on these issues from Department officials, discuss and deliberate various approaches and responses, hear comments from the public, then recommend next steps to address the issue. At the end of the meeting and following input from the committee, Department officials will prioritize the issues discussed and provide direction to the committee, including the possible establishment of subcommittees to address the highest priorities.

Dated: September 5, 2012.
Mary Hanson,
Executive Director, Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency
[Docket ID: FEMA–2012–0029; OMB No. 1660–0098]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request, Citizen Corps Council Registration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

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 an extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning the online registration process for Citizen Corps Councils and Community Emergency Response Team programs.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 13, 2012.

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

(1) Online. Submit comments at www.regulations.gov under Docket ID FEMA–2010–XXXX. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) Mail. Submit written comments to Docket Manager, Office of Chief Counsel, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Room 635, Washington, DC 20472–3100.

(3) Facsimile. Submit comments to (703) 483–2999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jenelle Cardone, Individual and Community Preparedness Division Supervisory Program Specialist, FEMA, 202–786–9463 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Division for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646–3347 or email address: FEMA-Information-CollectionManagement@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Citizen Corps was launched as a Presidential Initiative, Executive Order 13254, in 2002 with a mission to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared for the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. The Community Emergency Response Team Program offers training that prepares people to help themselves, their families and their neighbors in the event of a disaster in their community.

In order to fulfill its mission, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Individual and Community Preparedness Division (ICPD) require Citizen Corps Councils and Community Emergency Response Team Programs to submit profiles electronically through its online information collection process and forms. The Citizen Corps Council registration form will allow FEMA and State personnel to ensure that prospective Councils/CERTs have the support of the appropriate government officials in their area, ensure a dedicated coordinator is assigned to the Council, and will provide an efficient way to track the effectiveness of the nationwide network of Councils and CERTs. This continuing registration process will allow the Individual and Community Preparedness Division to collect information that is more usable and provide a more efficient way to track the effectiveness of the nationwide network of Councils and CERT’s.

Collection of Information

Title: Citizen Corps Council Registration.

Type of Information Collection: Extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1660–0098.

FEMA Forms: FEMA Form 646–0–10ONL, Citizen Corps Council Registration.

Abstract: FEMA’s Community Preparedness Division would like to renew a currently approved collection for its registration of State, local, Tribal and territorial Councils and Community Emergency Response Teams. The registration process allows for new Councils to submit information on the Council or CERT to the State Citizen Corps Program Manager for approval. The revised registration process will allow for the collection of more valuable information and the tool is more user-friendly for Citizen Corps Councils and CERT’s.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 3,750.

Number of Responses: 7,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,500 hours.