DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS–2012–0013]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for Review; Information Collection Extension Request for the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology First Responders Community of Practice Program

AGENCY: Science and Technology Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) invites the general public to comment on the data collection form for the DHS Science & Technology (S&T) First Responders Community of Practice (FRCoP): User Registration Form (DHS Form 10059 (9/09)). The FRCoP web based tool collects profile information from first responders and select authorized non-first responder users to facilitate networking and formation of online communities. All users are required to authenticate prior to entering the site. In addition, the tool provides members the capability to create wikis, discussion threads, blogs, documents, etc., allowing them to enter and upload content in accordance with the site’s Rules of Behavior. Members are able to participate in threaded discussions and comment on other member’s content. The DHS S&T FRCoP program is responsible for providing a collaborative environment for the first responder community to share information, best practices, and lessons learned. Section 313 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 established this requirement. This notice and request for comments is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 28, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments, identified by docket number DHS–2012–0013, by one of the following methods:


• Email: Kathy.Higgins@hq.dhs.gov. Please include docket number DHS–2012–0013 in the subject line of the message.

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

• Mail: Science and Technology Directorate, ATTN: Chief Information Officer—Rick Stevens, 1120 Vermont Ave., Mail Stop 0202, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: DHS FRCoP Contact Kathy Higgins (202) 254–2293 (Not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DHS S&T currently has approval to collect information utilizing the User Registration Form until September 30, 2013 with OMB approval number 1640–0016. The User Registration Form will be available on the First Responders Community of Practice Web site found at [https://communities.firstresponder.gov/]. The user will complete the form online and submit it through the Web site. 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: Renewal of Information Collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: First Responders Community of Practice: User Registration Form.

(3) Agency Form Number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection: DHS Science & Technology Directorate, R-Tech (RTD), DHS Form 10059 (09/09).

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Individuals; the data will be gathered from individual first responders who wish to participate in the First Responders Community of Practice.

(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: 2000.

b. An estimate of the time for an average respondent to respond: 0.5 burden hours.

c. An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 1000 burden hours.

Dated: August 1, 2013.

Rick Stevens,
Chief Information Officer for Science and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA–2013–0017; OMB No. 1660–0086]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission will describe the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e., the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and sent via electronic mail to oira.submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Records Management Division, 1800 South Bell Street, Arlington, VA 20598–3005,