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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of Family Readiness Policy, ATTN: Program Manager, Spouse Education & Career Opportunities Program, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 03G15, Alexandria, VA 22350–2300.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) Career Portal; OMB Control Number 0704–TBD.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to allow MSEP Partners to search for military spouse candidates and for military spouses to directly search for employment opportunities with MSEP Partners.

*Affected Public:* Military spouse users of the MSEP Career Portal, MSEP Partners, Companies

*Annual Burden Hours:*

Military Spouses = 16,500  
MSEP Partners = 125  
Companies = 38  
Total = 16,663

*Number of Respondents:*

Military Spouses = 22,000 military spouses  
MSEP Partners = 300 partners  
Companies = 150 companies  
Total = 22,450 respondents

*Responses per Respondent: 1.*

*Average Burden per Response:*

Military Spouses = 45 minutes  
MSEP Partners = 25 minutes  
Companies = 15 minutes  
Total = 85 minutes

*Frequency:*

Military Spouses = On occasion  
MSEP Partners = On occasion  
Companies = Once

The Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) Career Portal is the sole web platform utilized to connect military spouses with companies seeking to hire military spouse employees. Participating companies, called MSEP Partners, are vetted and approved participants in the MSEP Program and have pledged to recruit, hire, promote and retain military spouses in portable careers. MSEP is a targeted recruitment and employment partnership that connects American businesses with military spouses who possess essential 21st-century workforce skills and attributes and are seeking portable, fulfilling careers. The MSEP program is part of the overall Spouse Education and Career Opportunities (SECO) program which falls under the auspices of the office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community & Family Policy.

This program was developed in compliance with 10 U.S. Code 1784 Employment Opportunities for Military Spouses which states:

(f) Private-Sector Employment.—The Secretary of Defense—

(1) shall seek to develop partnerships with firms in the private sector to enhance employment opportunities for spouses of members of the armed forces and to provide for improved job portability for such spouses, especially in the case of the spouse of a member of the armed forces accompanying the member to a new geographical area because of a change of permanent duty station of the member; and

(2) shall work with the United States Chamber of Commerce and other appropriate private-sector entities to facilitate the formation of such partnerships.

Dated: July 15, 2016.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**DOE/NSF High Energy Physics Advisory Panel**

**AGENCY:** Office of Science, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the DOE/NSF High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP). The

Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Friday, August 12, 2016; 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Teleconference. Instructions for access can be found on the HEPAP Web site: <http://science.energy.gov/hep/hepap/meetings/> or by contacting Dr. John Kogut by email at: [john.kogut@science.doe.gov](mailto:john.kogut@science.doe.gov) or by phone: (301) 903–1298.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Kogut, Executive Secretary; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP); U.S. Department of Energy; SC–25/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585–1290; Telephone: 301–903–1298.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of Panel:* To provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis to the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on scientific priorities within the field of high energy physics research.

*Tentative Agenda:* Agenda will include discussions of the following:

- Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Program
- Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program
- Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics
- Public Comment (10-minute rule)

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. A webcast of this meeting will be available. Please check the Web site below for updates and information on how to view the meeting. If you would like to file a written statement with the Panel, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact John Kogut at 301–903–1298 or by email at: [John.Kogut@science.doe.gov](mailto:John.Kogut@science.doe.gov). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Panel will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available on the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of High Energy Physics Advisory Panel Web site, at: (<http://science.energy.gov/hep/hepap/meetings/>).

Issued at Washington, DC, on July 14, 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Draft Outline for the Proposed Joint U.S.-Canadian Electric Grid Strategy

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** With this notice, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) seeks public comment on the proposed content and scope of the Joint U.S.-Canadian Electric Grid Strategy as indicated by the draft outline presented here.

DOE seeks public comment including the following: (1) Suggestions for how best to describe the cyber and physical risks to electric grid systems, as well as ways to address and mitigate those risks; (2) suggestions for ensuring that the outlined strategic goals and objectives are at the appropriate level for a joint U.S.-Canadian strategy; (3) suggestions for actions under the proposed joint strategy that Federal departments and agencies should take to make the grid more secure and resilient; (4) suggestions for new ways to secure the future grid across North America, as outlined in the final section; and (5) suggestions for timelines to use when considering future planning and investment opportunities.

Supplementary background information, additional details, and instructions for submitting comments can be found below.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 10, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments can be submitted by either of the following methods and must be identified as "Joint Strategy." By email: [jointgridstrategy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:jointgridstrategy@hq.doe.gov). Include "Joint Strategy" in subject line of the message. Submitters may enter text or upload files in response to this notice. By mail: Stewart Cedres, Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 6E-092, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Note: Delivery of the U.S. Postal Service mail to DOE may be delayed by several weeks due to security screening. DOE, therefore, encourages those wishing to comment to

submit comments electronically by email.

**Instructions:** Response to this Request for Comment is voluntary. Respondents need not reply to all questions or topics; however, they should clearly indicate the question or topic to which they are responding. Responses may be used by the U.S. Government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. DOE therefore requests that no business proprietary information or copyrighted information be submitted in response to this Request for Comment. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Stewart Cedres, Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, 202-586-2066, [jointgridstrategy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:jointgridstrategy@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the March 2016 visit by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in the "U.S.-Canada Joint Statement on Climate, Energy, and Arctic Leadership," the U.S. and Canada agreed to "[d]evelop a joint U.S.-Canadian strategy for strengthening the security and resilience of the North American electricity grid [and] work together to strengthen the security and resilience of the electric grid, including against the growing threat from cyber-attacks and climate change impacts." The Departments of Energy and Homeland Security are co-leading an interagency effort, including our Canadian colleagues, to develop this proposed joint strategy.

As a first step, Federal interagency writing teams have developed an outline for the proposed joint strategy that consists of three overarching strategic goals and objectives in support of achieving those goals. The purpose of the draft outline is to give the public an initial view of potential goals, objectives, and actions that could be taken to strengthen the security and resilience of the electric grid. In developing the outline, the writing teams used a "baseline" document consisting of analytical work that supports both the development of this proposed strategy and the next iteration of the Quadrennial Energy Review.

DOE will collate public comments received on the outline. The comments will inform the preparation of the full draft joint strategy and accompanying action plan, which is scheduled to be released in December 2016.

Comments are sought on the proposed overarching outline that will frame the joint strategy. Additional suggestions will be reviewed as they relate to the proposed structure of the document.

Following is a proposed high-level and draft outline intended to guide the scope and content of the Joint U.S.-Canadian Electric Grid Strategy. DOE seeks public comments on all aspects of this draft outline. The proposed outline is presented here in five parts: (1) Introduction and Context for the Joint U.S.-Canadian Electric Grid Strategy; (2) Goal 1: Protect Today's Grid and Enhance Preparedness; (3) Goal 2: Manage Contingencies and Enhance Response and Recovery; (4) Goal 3: Build a More Secure and Resilient Future Grid; and (5) Conclusion.

#### 1. Introduction and Context for the Joint U.S.-Canadian Electric Grid Strategy

The introductory and context-setting sections of the joint strategy will describe the context for the joint strategy.

#### 2. Goal 1: Protect Today's Grid and Enhance Preparedness

This section will outline opportunities to avoid, deter, and mitigate risks before they impact the grid. This includes information sharing between and among owners, operators, public, private and third-party participants whose protection of critical assets would benefit from actionable threat and hazard information and would provide information utilization for prudent and efficient security investments. This section will also highlight the importance of coordinating ongoing law enforcement, emergency management, reliability coordination, and monitoring and detection activities, and the practice of which will improve protection capabilities.

This section will also address the method of preparedness that identifies can't-lose aspects of the system to mitigate the outer limit of tolerable impacts to the grid. This section will address major isolated as well as potentially cascading events that create out-and-out system failure or balloon into major regional or multi-system impacts. This section will examine how to create necessary incentives and investments to engage the protective measures for outlier events. The section will close by examining the electric grid's interdependencies with other critical systems and functions of the nations' economies and societies. Given our economic and social reliance on electricity, the strategy will identify the importance of securing the grid in the