please bring 20 copies of the statement for distribution to the BSC and NTP staff and to supplement the record.

Background Information on the BSC:
The BSC is a technical advisory body comprised of scientists from the public and private sectors that provides primary scientific oversight to the NTP. Specifically, the BSC advises the NTP on matters of scientific program content, both present and future, and conducts periodic review of the program for the purpose of determining and advising on the scientific merit of its activities and their overall scientific quality. Its members are selected from recognized authorities knowledgeable in fields such as toxicology, pharmacology, pathology, biochemistry, epidemiology, risk assessment, carcinogenesis, mutagenesis, molecular biology, behavioral toxicology, neurotoxicology, immunotoxicology, reproductive toxicology or teratology, and biostatistics. Members serve overlapping terms of up to four years. The BSC usually meets biannually. The authority for the BSC is provided by 42 U.S.C. 217a, section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS), as amended. The BSC is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

John R. Bucher,
Associate Director, NTP.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS–2017–0018]

The President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Committee management; notice of partially closed Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) will meet on Thursday, May 18, 2017, in Washington, DC. The meeting will be partially closed to the public.

DATES: The NSTAC will meet on Thursday, May 18, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: The May 2017 NSTAC Meeting’s open session will be held at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Washington, DC. Due to limited seating, requests to attend in person will be accepted and processed in the order in which they are received. The meeting’s proceedings will also be available via Webcast at http://www.whitehouse.gov/live, for those who cannot attend in person. Individuals who intend to participate in the meeting will need to register by sending an email to NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov by 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, May 12, 2017. For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov as soon as possible.

Members of the public are invited to provide comment on the issues to be considered by the committee as listed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below. Associated briefing materials to be discussed at the meeting will be available at www.dhs.gov/nstac for review on Friday, May 5, 2017. Comments may be submitted at any time and must be identified by docket number DHS–2017–0018.

Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:
• Email: NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov. Include the docket number DHS–2017–0018 in the subject line of the email message.
• Fax: (703) 235–5902, ATTN: Sandy Benevides.
• Mail: Designated Federal Officer, Stakeholder Engagement and Critical Infrastructure Resilience Division, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, Mail Stop 0604, Arlington, VA 20598–0604.

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

Docket: For access to the docket and comments received by the NSTAC, please go to www.regulations.gov and enter docket number DHS–2017–0018.

A public comment period will be held during the meeting from 2:15 p.m. to 2:35 p.m. Speakers who wish to participate in the public comment period must register in advance and can do so by sending NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov no later than Friday, May 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. EST. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to three minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Jackson, NSTAC Designated Federal Officer, Department of Homeland Security, (703) 235–5321 (telephone) or helen.jackson@hq.dhs.gov (email).

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

Agenda: The committee will meet in an open session on May 18, 2017, to receive remarks from Department of Homeland Security (DHS) leadership and other senior Government officials regarding the Government’s current cybersecurity initiatives and NS/EP priorities. Additionally, the committee will receive an overview of the Administration’s NS/EP communications and cybersecurity priorities. Finally, the NSTAC members will deliberate and vote on the NSTAC Emerging Technologies Strategic Vision Subcommittee’s study of the near- and long-term NS/EP implications of emergent and expected information and communications technologies.

The committee will also meet in a closed session to receive a classified briefing regarding cybersecurity threats and discuss future studies based on the Government’s NS/EP priorities and perceived vulnerabilities.

Basis for Closure: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), The Government in the Sunshine Act, it has been determined that two agenda items require closure, as the disclosure of the information discussed would not be in the public interest.

The first of these agenda items, the classified briefing, will provide members with a cybersecurity threat briefing on vulnerabilities related to the communications infrastructure. Disclosure of these threats would provide criminals who seek to compromise commercial and Government networks with information on potential vulnerabilities and mitigation techniques, weakening the Nation’s cybersecurity posture. This briefing will be classified at the top secret level, thereby exempting disclosure of the content by statute.

Therefore, this portion of the meeting is required to be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1)(A) & (B).
The second agenda item, a discussion of potential NSTAC study topics, will address areas of critical cybersecurity vulnerabilities and priorities for Government. Government officials will share data with NSTAC members on initiatives, assessments, and future security requirements across public and private sector networks. The information will include specific vulnerabilities within cyberspace that affect the United States’ information and communication technology infrastructures and proposed mitigation strategies. Disclosure of this information to the public would provide criminals with an incentive to focus on these vulnerabilities to increase attacks on the Nation’s critical infrastructure and communications networks. As disclosure of this portion of the meeting is likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed DHS actions, it is required to be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B).

Dated: April 21, 2017.

Helen Jackson,
Designated Federal Officer for the NSTAC.

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III. Request for Comments

We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your personal mailing address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

IV. Authority


Michael J. Magyar,
Associate Director, National Minerals Information Center, U.S. Geological Survey.

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