

Removal of References to the National Asset Database

Throughout the NIPP, references to the NADB will be removed and replaced with information on the Infrastructure Information Collection System and the Infrastructure Data Warehouse.

Revision of the Discussion on Risk Assessment Methodologies

The discussion of risk assessment methodologies will be revised to indicate that there are multiple NIPP-compliant risk assessment methodologies. Revisions will also provide information on the current state of CIKR risk analysis capability and the Tier 1/Tier 2 Program.

Update on the Protected Critical Infrastructure Information Program

DHS will clarify how vulnerability assessment information may be submitted for protection under the PCII program and which DHS programs may receive this information.

Clarification of NIPP CIKR Protection Metrics

The NIPP CIKR protection metrics process includes four metrics areas:

1. Core metrics represent a common set of measures that are tracked across all sectors.
2. Sector-specific performance metrics are the set of measures tailored to the unique characteristics of each sector.
3. CIKR protection programmatic metrics are used to measure the effectiveness of specific programs, initiatives, and investments that are managed by Government agencies and sector partners.
4. Sector partnership metrics are used to assess the status of activities conducted under the sector partnership.

Update on the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council

The SLTTGCC now has three working groups and also provides liaisons to all the sectors: Policy and Planning Working Group, Communication and Coordination Working Group, and Information-Sharing Working Group. The roles of State and Regional groups in CIKR protection will be described.

Homeland Security Information Network Update

DHS IP is working closely with the DHS Chief Information Officer (CIO) to determine feasible solutions to mitigate issues from CIKR protection security partners related to HSIN.

Further Definition of the CIKR Information-Sharing Environment

As follow-up to the original discussion of ISE in section 4.2.3 of the NIPP, the Program Manager (PM)-ISE formally issued the CIKR ISE paper in May 2007. The paper describes the core elements of robust information sharing with the CIKR sectors.

Critical Infrastructure Warning Information Network

An ISE addition since the 2006 release of the NIPP, CWIN is a mechanism that facilitates the flow of information, mitigates obstacles to voluntary information sharing by CIKR owners and operators, and provides feedback and continuous improvement for structures and processes.

Evolution From the National Response Plan to the National Response Framework

The National Response Framework replaces the former National Response Plan.

National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center

The Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2007 specifies the NISAC's current mission to provide "modeling, simulation, and analysis of the assets and systems comprising CIKR in order to enhance preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation activities."

Protective Security Advisor Program

The key elements of this program and the roles the Protective Security Advisors play in information sharing and support to security partners will be described.

Additional Homeland Security Presidential Directives

HSPD-19 and others will be added in the appendixes and wherever they are appropriate in the main body of the NIPP.

Issues Regarding Cross-Sector Cyber Security

The National Cyber Security Division (NCSA) is working closely with the SSAs and other security partners to integrate cyber security into the CIKR sectors' protection and preparedness efforts.

Overarching Issues: Protection and Resiliency

Questions have been raised about the focus of the NIPP on protection rather than resiliency. The revised NIPP needs to better describe the complementary relationship of these two concepts.

Role of Private Sector Office

The role of this office in coordinating with private sector security partners will be described in greater detail.

DHS Organizational Changes: National Protection and Programs Directorate

There have been numerous organizational changes within DHS related to roles and responsibilities described throughout the NIPP. NPPD (formerly the Preparedness Directorate) was formed in 2007 to advance the Department's risk-reduction mission. The components of NPPD include:

- Office of Cyber Security and Communications (CS&C) has the mission to assure the security, resiliency, and reliability of the Nation's cyber and communications infrastructure in collaboration with the public and private sectors, including international partners.
- Office of Intergovernmental Programs (IGP) has the mission to promote an integrated national approach to homeland security by ensuring, coordinating, and advancing Federal interaction with State, local, tribal, and territorial governments.
- Office of Risk Management and Analysis (RMA) will lead the Department's efforts to establish a common framework to address the overall management and analysis of homeland security risk.
- United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) is part of a continuum of biometrically-enhanced security measures that begins outside U.S. borders and continues through a visitor's arrival in and departure from the United States.
- Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP) leads the coordinated national effort to reduce risk to our CIKR posed by acts of terrorism.

For purposes of review, the NIPP can be found at <http://www.dhs.gov/nipp>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Solicitation of Proposal Information for Award of Public Contracts**

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, DHS.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments: Extension without change of

a currently approved collection, 1600–0005.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, 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 (as amended), 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer is soliciting comments related to its request for extension of an existing information collection authority for the solicitation of proposal information for award of public contracts under Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR).

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until August 5, 2008.

This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Comments and questions about this Information Collection Request should be forwarded to the Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, Attn: Patricia Corrigan for the Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Room 3114, Washington, DC 20528.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Corrigan, 202–447–5430 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of the Chief Procurement Officer request renewal of an existing OMB Control Number for information requested from prospective contractors in response to agency-issued solicitations. The information requested is specific to each solicitation, and is required in order for DHS to properly evaluate offeror/bidder qualifications and capabilities in order to make informed decisions in awarding contracts. Information requested typically includes that related to offerors' or bidders' management approach, technical and pricing information, delivery and other pertinent information. This notice provides a request for renewal of OMB Control Number 1600–0005 previously granted in August 2005.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments regarding:

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:

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office.

Title: Solicitation of Proposal Information for Award of Public Contracts.

OMB Number: 1600–0005.

Frequency: Once.

Affected Public: Businesses and individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,850.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 14 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 151,900 annual burden hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.00.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.00.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

Intent To Request Renewal From OMB of One Current Public Collection of Information: Airport Security

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) invites public comment on one currently approved Information Collection Requirement (ICR), abstracted below, that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The collection

involves implementing certain provisions of the Aviation Security Improvement Act of 1990 and the Aviation and Transportation Security Act that relate to the security of persons and property at airports operating in commercial air transportation.

DATES: Send your comments by August 5, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed or delivered to Joanna Johnson, Communications Branch, Business Management Office, Operational Process and Technology, TSA–32, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202–4220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joanna Johnson at the above address, or by telephone (571) 227–3651 or facsimile (571) 227–3588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation is available at www.reginfo.gov. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement 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;

(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 using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Information Collection Requirement

1652–0002; Airport Security, 49 CFR part 1542. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) initially required this collection under 14 CFR part 107 (now 49 CFR part 1542) and cleared under OMB control number 2120–0656. The responsibility for the collection was transferred to TSA from FAA on November 19, 2001 and subsequently assigned OMB control number 1652–0002. Part 1542, Airport Security, implements certain provisions of the Aviation Security Improvement Act of