

Membership

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Meetings

The HSSTAC will meet at least quarterly at the call of the Chair or whenever one-third of the members so request in writing.

Duration

The HSSTAC is expected to be needed on a continuing basis. However, the HSSTAC will terminate on November 25, 2005, pursuant to section 311(j) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 unless extended.

Dated: December 16, 2003.

Charles E. McQueary,

*Under Secretary for Science and Technology,
Department of Homeland Security.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Directorate of Science and Technology; Notice of Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee (HSSTAC) Vacancy and Call for Applications

AGENCY: Office of the Undersecretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 311 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-296, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security is seeking nominations to fill a vacant seat on the Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee (HSSTAC). Section 311(b)(1) of the statute requires that the committee include among its membership "Representatives of citizens groups, including economically disadvantaged communities." Therefore, we are requesting qualified individuals that meet this criterion and are interested in serving on this committee to apply for

membership. Nominees should send a letter of interest and brief biography to hsstac@dhs.gov or fax to the attention of Dr. Ron Taylor at 202-772-9916. Applicants selected for appointment will be required to pass an appropriate security background check prior to appointment to the committee.

DATES: Your letter of interest and brief biography should reach the Department of Homeland Security on or before January 15, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald Taylor, Director, Office of Studies and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate, telephone 202-205-5041, fax 202-772-9916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose

The HSSTAC shall make recommendations with respect to the activities of the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, including identifying research areas of potential importance to the security of the Nation. The HSSTAC is to be a source of independent, scientific and technical planning advice for the Under Secretary for Science and Technology.

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Members will serve terms of office of 3 years. However, to permit orderly turnover of the committee's membership, the original members of the HSSTAC will be appointed to three groups of approximately equal numbers each, and their terms of office will be staggered. One group will have a term

of 1 year, 1 a term of 2 years, and the other a term of 3 years.

While attending meetings or otherwise engaged in Committee business, Committee members are authorized travel and subsistence or *per diem* allowances (as appropriate) in accordance with Federal government regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Maritime Security Directives (MARSEC Directives) 104-1, 104-2, 104-3, 104-4, 105-1, 105-2, 105-3 and 106-1; Performance Standards for Cruise Ships and Facilities, Passenger Vessels/Ferryboats and Facilities, Cargo/Other Commercial Vessels and Facilities, Mobile Oil Drilling Units/Off-Shore Supply Vessels, and Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Facilities

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of MARSEC Directives 104-01, 104-02, 104-03, 104-4, 105-01, 105-02, 105-03, and 106-1. The MARSEC Directives provide performance standards to assist facility and vessel owners/operators with developing facility and vessel security plans that comport with national maritime security initiatives. Information within the MARSEC Directives is designated sensitive security information (SSI) and is not subject to public release.

DATES: The MARSEC Directives listed above will be available on December 22, 2003.