

the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the “Stafford Act”). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Alaska.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration for the approved assistance to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Thomas J. Dargan, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

The following areas of the State of Alaska have been designated as adversely affected by this major disaster:

Kenai Peninsula Borough for Public Assistance.

All areas within the State of Alaska are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Deanne Criswell,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2022-0046]

Homeland Security Advisory Council

AGENCY: The Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE), The Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice of partially closed Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC or Council) will meet in person on Monday, March 21, 2022 (the meeting). The meeting will be partially closed to the public. Due to the National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic, members of the public may join the public portion of the meeting by teleconference.

DATES: The meeting will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. ET on Monday, March 21, 2022. The meeting will be closed to the public from 10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. ET. The meeting will be open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. ET. The meeting may end early if the Council has completed its business. If the time of the meeting changes due to the National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, those members of the public who have signed up to participate in the open session of the meeting will receive an updated schedule as soon as it becomes available.

Public Participation: Members of the public will be in listen-only mode. The public may register to participate in the open session of this meeting via teleconference through the following procedures. Each person must provide their full legal name and email address no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 17, 2022 to the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The conference call details will be provided to interested members of the public after the public registration period closes and prior to the start of the meeting. For information on services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section as soon as possible. Written public comments prior to the meeting must be received by 5:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 17, 2022, and must be identified by Docket No. DHS-2022-0046. Written public comments after the meeting must be identified by Docket No. DHS-2022-0046 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Email:** HSAC@hq.dhs.gov. Include Docket No. DHS-2022-0046 in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Jason Mayer, Executive Director of Homeland Security Advisory Council, Office of Partnership and Engagement, Mailstop 0385, Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20528.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and “DHS-2022-0046,” the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may wish to review the Privacy and Security Notice which is available via a link on the homepage of <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: You may provide your comments and read comments received by the Council, by going to <https://www.regulations.gov>, searching “DHS-2022-0046,” and selecting “Open Docket Folder.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jason Mayer at HSAC@hq.dhs.gov or at (202) 282-8000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. Appendix), which requires a portion of each FACA committee meeting to be open to the public unless the President, or the head of the agency to which the advisory committee reports, determines that a portion of the meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

The Council provides organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific, actionable advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters related to homeland security. The Council consists of senior executives from government, the private sector, academia, law enforcement, and non-governmental organizations.

The Council will meet in an open session between 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. ET. During the open session, the Council will swear in new members and discuss its future scope of work.

The Council will meet in a closed session from 10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. ET to participate in a sensitive discussion with DHS Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas regarding DHS operations. **Basis for Partial Closure:** In accordance with Section 10(d) of FACA, the

Secretary of Homeland Security has determined this meeting must be closed during this session as the disclosure of the information relayed would be detrimental to the public interest for the following reasons:

The Council will participate in a sensitive operational discussion containing For Official Use Only and Law Enforcement Sensitive information. This discussion will include information regarding threats facing the United States and how DHS plans to address those threats. The session is closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) because the disclosure of this information could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions.

Jason D. Mayer,

Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[DOCKET NUMBER—DHS-2021-0052]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman Request for Case Assistance (DHS Form 7001)

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments; extension of a currently approved collection, 1601-0004.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security 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. DHS previously published this information collection request (ICR) in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 2021, for a 60-day public comment period. There were two non-germane comments received by DHS. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information

collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman (CIS Ombudsman) was created under section 452 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-296) to: (1) Assist individuals and employers in resolving problems with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); (2) to identify areas in which individuals and employers have problems in dealing with USCIS; and (3) to the extent possible, propose changes in the administrative practices of USCIS to mitigate problems. This form is used by an individuals and employers who are experiencing problems with USCIS during the processing of an immigration benefits.

The CIS Ombudsman collects and processes requests for case assistance electronically on the DHS Form 7001 through the Case Assistance Analytics and Data Integration (CAADI) system.

- **Paper form:** Per Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requirements, a fillable PDF version of the form is also provided on the CIS Ombudsman’s website. The PDF form may be printed and emailed or mailed to the CIS Ombudsman’s office as indicated on the form. It is noted on the form that using the paper method may delay the processing time.

- **Electronic form:** After approval of the revisions to the form as detailed below, the online form will be updated and posted on the CIS Ombudsman’s website at <https://www.dhs.gov/case-assistance> for electronic submission of the form.

Summary of proposed form changes:

- To save time for the customer:* a. New and improved instructions make clear when it is appropriate to submit a request for case assistance and who can submit a request.

- b. New instructions were added to the beginning of each section of the form; previously they were listed on a separate page.

- b. *To reduce processing time:* a. Form sections were re-ordered (see below) and expanded to obtain more information up front and in a logical order.

- b. Enhanced instructions clarify the supporting documentation needed to reduce the number of times customers are asked to provide additional documentation.

The revised DHS Form 7001 includes these re-ordered and named sections; 4 new sections are indicated in bold:

1. Actions Taken with USCIS for Resolution
2. Reasons for Requesting Case Assistance
3. Applications/Petitions Filed
4. Type of Benefit Sought
5. Name of Applicant or Petitioner
6. Contact Information
7. Identification
8. Supporting Documentation
9. Consent for Applicant/Petitioner
10. Consent for Attorney/Accredited Representative
11. Consent for Family Member Applicants
12. Beneficiary Information for Employment-Based Petitions
13. How did you learn about the CIS Ombudsman’s casework services?

OMB 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. 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 the electronic submission of responses.

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Title: Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman Request for Case Assistance (DHS Form 7001).

OMB Number: 1601-0004.

Frequency: Renewed Tri-Annually.

Affected Public: Members of the Public.

Number of Respondents: 18,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 Hour.

Total Annual Reporting Burden Hours: 18,000.

Robert Dorr,

Executive Director, Business Management Directorate.

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