

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of Operations Coordination; Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of Operations Coordination, DHS.

ACTION: Committee Management; Request for Applicants for Appointment to the Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The Office of Operations Coordination at the Department of Homeland Security is requesting individuals who are interested in serving on the Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Council (HSINAC) to apply for appointment. The HSINAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the leadership of the Department of Homeland Security, particularly the Director, Office of Operations Coordination, on the requirements of end users within State, Local, Federal and Tribal governments and the Private Sector regarding the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN).

DATES: Applications for membership should reach the Department of Homeland Security at the address below on or before June 22, 2007.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to apply for membership, your application should be submitted by:

- E-mail: hsinac.comments@dhs.gov.
- Fax: 202-282-8191.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Castillo, 202-282-9580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Committee is an advisory committee established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463).

HSINAC membership shall include not more than 20 representatives from State, Tribal and Local governments and the Private Sector, who are outstanding within their specialty field, and who have the experience to ensure the Director, and DHS leadership, is informed of the needs and requirements of the information network users and communities of users. Members will be drawn from currently serving Homeland Security Advisors; State, Tribal, or Local Law Enforcement; Federal Law Enforcement; the Fire Service; Public Health; Emergency Managers; and, the Private Sector.

The committee will convene no more than twice per year. Travel and per diem will be provided by the

Department. Term length shall generally be 3 years. The initial members of the HSINAC shall be appointed to terms of office of 2, 3, and 4 years in order to promote continuity and an orderly turnover of committee membership.

A security clearance is preferred, but is not a requirement for appointment to the committee. Those applicants who do not have a security clearance may be required to undergo a background investigation.

HSINAC members will be appointed as Special Government Employees (SGEs) as such term is defined for purposes of 18 U.S.C. 202(a). Appointments will be made by the Department of Homeland Security Secretary who will receive recommendations from the Office of Operations Coordination Director.

As candidates for appointment as SGEs, applicants are required to complete Confidential Financial Disclosure Reports (OGE Form 450). DHS may not release the reports or the information in them to the public except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Applicants can obtain this form by going to the Web site of the Office of Government Ethics (<http://www.oge.gov>), or by contacting David Castillo at the number listed above. Applications which are not accompanied by a completed OGE Form 450 will not be considered.

In support of the policy of the Department of Homeland Security on gender and ethnic diversity, qualified women and minorities are encouraged to apply for membership.

Dated: April 30, 2007.

Roger Rufe, Jr.,

*Director, Office of Operations Coordination,
U.S. Department of Homeland Security.*

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Office of the Secretary

Exercise of Authority Under Section 212(d)(3)(B)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

DATES: This determination is effective April 27, 2007.

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(3)(B)(i). Following consultations with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, I hereby conclude, as a matter of discretion in accordance with the

authority granted to me by Section 212(d)(3)(B)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("the Act"), considering the national security and foreign policy interests deemed relevant in these consultations, that subsection 212(a)(3)(B)(iv)(VI) of the Act shall not apply with respect to material support provided under duress to a terrorist organization as described in subsection 212(a)(3)(B)(vi)(I) or subsection 212(a)(3)(B)(vi)(II) if warranted by the totality of the circumstances.

This exercise of authority as a matter of discretion shall apply to an alien who satisfies the agency that he:

(a) Is seeking a benefit or protection under the Act and has been determined to be otherwise eligible for the benefit or protection;

(b) Has undergone and passed relevant background and security checks;

(c) Has fully disclosed, in all relevant applications and interviews with U.S. Government representatives and agents, the nature and circumstances of each provision of such material support; and

(d) Poses no danger to the safety and security of the United States. Implementation of this determination will be made by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), in consultation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). USCIS has discretion to determine whether the criteria are met.

When determining whether the material support was provided under duress, the following factors, among others, may be considered: whether the applicant reasonably could have avoided, or took steps to avoid, providing material support, the severity and type of harm inflicted or threatened, to whom the harm was directed, and, in cases of threats alone, the perceived imminence of the harm threatened and the perceived likelihood that the harm would be inflicted.

When considering the totality of the circumstances, factors to be considered, in addition to the duress-related factors stated above, may include, among others: the amount, type and frequency of material support provided, the nature of the activities committed by the terrorist organization, the alien's awareness of those activities, the length of time since material support was provided, the alien's conduct since that time, and any other relevant factor.

I may revoke this exercise of authority as a matter of discretion and without notice at any time with respect to any and all persons subject to it. Any determination made under this exercise of authority as set out above shall apply