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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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Meeting of The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) will meet on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, in Washington, DC. The meeting will be partially closed to the public.

DATES: The NSTAC will meet on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: The October 2017 NSTAC Meeting's open session will be held at the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement Facility, 500 12th Street SW, Washington, DC, and will begin at 1:00 p.m. For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, or to attend in person, contact NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov no later than Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

Members of the public are invited to provide comment on the issues that will be considered by the committee as listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Associated briefing materials that participants may discuss during the meeting will be available at www.dhs.gov/nstac for review as of Monday, October 2, 2017. Comments may be submitted at any time and must be identified by docket number DHS-2017-0045. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** http://www.regulations.gov. Please follow the instructions for submitting written comments.
- **Email:** NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov. Include the docket number DHS-2017-0045 in the subject line of the email.
- **Fax:** (703) 705-6190, 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 0612, Arlington, VA 20598-0612.

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-2017-0045.

A public comment period will be held during the meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, from 2:40 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT. Speakers who wish to participate in the public comment period must register in advance by no later than Friday, October 6, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. EDT by emailing NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to three minutes and will speak in order of registration. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last request for comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Jackson, NSTAC Designated Federal Officer, Department of Homeland Security, (703) 705-6276 (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 and cybersecurity policy.

Agenda: The committee will meet in an open session on October 11, 2017, 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. The meeting will include a keynote address and a panel discussion on a cybersecurity moonshot, which looks at identifying new processes to address cybersecurity challenges. NSTAC members will also deliberate and vote on the Committee's *NSTAC Report to the President on Internet and Communications Resilience* which addresses ways in which the private sector and Government, together, can improve the resilience of the Internet and communications ecosystem (e.g., botnets).

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).

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