

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Molecular Neuroscience.

*Date:* February 22–23, 2011.

*Time:* 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Virtual Meeting)

*Contact Person:* Carol Hamelink, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4192, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 213–9887, [hamelinc@csr.nih.gov](mailto:hamelinc@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Special Topics: Bioanalytical and Imaging Technologies.

*Date:* February 23–24, 2011.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Virtual Meeting)

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*Name of Committee:* Biology of Development and Aging Integrated Review Group; International and Cooperative Projects—1 Study Section.

*Date:* February 24–25, 2011.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* The Latham Hotel, 3000 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Drug Discovery for the Nervous System.

*Date:* February 25, 2011.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call)

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis

Panel; Small Business: Biological Chemistry and Biophysics.

*Date:* February 28–March 1, 2011.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Doubletree Hotel Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Dated: January 25, 2011.

**Jennifer S. Spaeth,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276–1243.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### Proposed Project: Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) Program (OMB No. 0930–0279)—Revision

SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is responsible for the evaluation instruments of the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) Program. The program is a major initiative designed to: (1) Prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including childhood and underage drinking; (2) reduce substance abuse related problems; and, (3) build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the State-, territorial-, tribal- and community-levels.

Five steps comprise the SPF:

Step 1: Profile population needs, resources, and readiness to address the problems and gaps in service delivery.

Step 2: Mobilize and/or build capacity to address needs.

Step 3: Develop a comprehensive strategic plan.

Step 4: Implement evidence-based prevention programs, policies, and practices and infrastructure development activities.

Step 5: Monitor process, evaluate effectiveness, sustain effective programs/activities, and improve or replace those that fail.

An evaluation team is currently implementing a multi-method, quasi-experimental evaluation of the first two Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) cohorts receiving grants in FY 2004 and FY 2005. A second evaluation is being conducted with the SPF SIG Cohorts III, IV and V. This notice invites comments for revision to the protocol for the ongoing cross-site evaluations of the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) (OMB No. 0930–0279) which expires on 11/30/12. This revision includes three parts:

(1) Continuation of the use of the previously approved two-part Community Level Instrument (CLI Parts I and II) for Cohorts I and II and the use of an instrument to assess the sustainability of grantee implementation and infrastructure accomplishments which is a modification of an instrument used in an earlier phase of the evaluation.

(2) The addition of one more Cohort (Cohort V) which will use the previously approved SPF SIG cross-site evaluation instruments. All three instruments are modified versions of data collection protocols used by Cohorts I and II and have received OMB approval (OMB No. 0930–0279). The three instruments are:

- a. A Grantee-Level SPF Implementation Instrument,
- b. A Grantee-Level Infrastructure Instrument, and
- c. A two-part Community-Level SPF Implementation Instrument.

(3) Recalculation of burden numbers for Cohort IV to replace estimates that had been based on 20 grantees to reflect the 25 grantees actually funded.

An additional Cohort III, IV, and V evaluation component (*i.e.*, participant-level NOMs outcomes) is also included in this submission as part of the comprehensive evaluation, however, no associated burden from this evaluation activity is being imposed and therefore clearance to conduct the activities is not being requested. Specifically, Cohort III, IV, and V SPF SIG grantees have been included in the currently OMB approved umbrella NOMs application (OMB No. 0930–0230) covering the collection of participant-level NOMs outcomes by all SAMHSA/CSAP grantees.

Every attempt has been made to make the evaluation for Cohorts III, IV, and V comparable to Cohorts I and II. However, initial resource constraints for the Cohorts III, IV, and V evaluation have necessitated some streamlining of the original evaluation design. Since the ultimate goal is to fund all eligible jurisdictions, there are no control groups at the grantee level for Cohorts III, IV, and V. The primary evaluation objective is to determine the impact of SPF SIG on the reduction of substance abuse related problems, on building state prevention capacity and infrastructure, and preventing the onset and reducing the progression of substance abuse, as measured by the SAMHSA National Outcomes Measures (NOMs). Data collected at the grantee, community, and participant levels will provide information about process and system outcomes at the grantee and community levels as well as context for analyzing participant-level NOMs outcomes.

### Grantee-Level Data Collection

#### *Cohort I and II Continuation*

The Sustainability Interview will be conducted during Phase II of the evaluation in 2011 (Cohort I) and 2012 (Cohort II). The interview guide is adapted from the Phase I instruments (OMB No. 0930–0279) and focuses on state-level prevention capacity and infrastructure in relation to the five steps of the SPF process: needs assessment, capacity building, strategic planning, implementation of evidence-based programs, policies, and practices (EBPPPs), and evaluation/monitoring.

The interviews will be aimed at understanding the status of the prevention infrastructure at the time of the interview, whether the status has changed since the previous rounds of interviews (conducted in 2007 and 2009), and whether the SPF SIG had any influence on changes that might have occurred.

#### *Cohort III, IV, and V Revision*

Two Grantee-level Instruments (GLI) were developed to gather information about the infrastructure of the grantee's overall prevention system and collect data regarding the grantee's efforts and progress in implementing the Strategic Prevention Framework 5-step process. Both instruments are modified versions of the grantee-level interview protocols used in the SPF SIG Cohort I and II Cross-Site Evaluation and have received OMB clearance for use with Cohorts III and IV (OMB No. 0930–0279). The total burden imposed by the original interview protocols has been reduced by restructuring the format of the original protocol, deleting several questions and replacing the majority of open-ended questions with multiple-choice-response questions. The *Infrastructure Instrument* will capture data to assess infrastructure change and to test the relationship of this change to outcomes. The *Strategic Prevention Framework Implementation Instrument* will be used to assess the relationship between SPF implementation and change in the NOMs. Information for both surveys will be gathered by the grantees' evaluators twice over the life of the SPF SIG award.

Based on the current 16 grantees funded in Cohort III, and 25 funded in Cohort IV, and 10 funded in Cohort V, the estimated annual burden for grantee-level data collection is displayed below in Table 1. The burden estimates for the GLIs are based on the experience in the Cohort I and II SPF SIG evaluation as reported in the original OMB submission (OMB No. 0930–0279), less the considerable reduction in length of these instruments implemented by the Cohort III, IV, and V evaluation team.

### Community-Level Data Collection (Continuation and Revision)

#### *Cohort I and II Continuation*

The Community-level Instrument (CLI) is a two part, Web-based survey for capturing information about SPF SIG implementation at the community level (originally submitted as an addendum to OMB No. 0930–0279). Part I of this instrument was developed to assess the progress of communities as they implement the Strategic Prevention

Framework (SPF), and Part II was developed to gather descriptive information about the specific interventions being implemented at the community level and the populations being served including the gender, age, race, ethnicity, and number of individuals in target populations. Each SPF SIG funded community will complete a separate Part II form for each intervention they implement.

The CLI (Parts I and II) was designed to be administered two times a year (every six months) over the course of the SPF SIG Cohort I and II initiative. Four rounds of data were collected under the current OMB approval period and the Cohorts I and II cross-site evaluation team plans to collect additional rounds once this request for a revision is approved. Data from this instrument will allow CSAP to assess the progress of the communities in their implementation of both the SPF and prevention-related interventions funded under the initiative. The data may also be used to assess obstacles to the implementation of the SPF and prevention-related interventions and facilitate mid-course corrections for communities experiencing implementation difficulties.

The estimated annual burden for community-level data collection is displayed below in Table 1. Note that the total burden reflects the 443 communities that have received SPF funds from their respective Cohort I and Cohort 2 States. Burden estimates are based on pilot respondents' feedback as well as the experience of the survey developers reported in the original OMB submission (OMB No. 0930–0279). Additionally, an individual community's burden may be lower than the burden displayed in Table 1 because all sections of the Community-level Instrument (parts I and II) may not apply for each reporting period as community partners work through the SPF steps and only report on the step-related activities addressed. Note also that some questions will be addressed only once and the responses will be used to pre-fill subsequent surveys.

#### *Cohort III, IV, and V (Revision)*

The Community-Level Instrument to be completed by Cohort III, IV, and V funded subrecipient communities is a modified version of the one in use in the SPF SIG Cohorts I and II Cross-Site Evaluation and use of these modified instruments has been approved by OMB for Cohorts III and IV (OMB No. 0930–0279). The total burden imposed by the original instrument was reduced by reorganizing the format of the original instrument, optimizing the use of skip

patterns, and replacing the majority of open-ended questions with multiple-choice-response questions.

Part I of the instrument will gather information on the communities' progress implementing the five SPF SIG steps and efforts taken to ensure cultural competency throughout the SPF SIG process. Subrecipient communities receiving SPF SIG awards will be required to complete Part I of the instrument annually. Part 2 will capture data on the specific prevention intervention(s) implemented at the community level. A single prevention intervention may be comprised of a single strategy or a set of multiple strategies. A Part II instrument will be completed for each prevention intervention strategy implemented during the specified reporting period. Specific questions will be tailored to match the type of prevention intervention strategy implemented (e.g., Prevention Education, Community-based Processes, and Environmental). Information collected on each strategy will include date of implementation, numbers of groups and participants served, frequency of activities, and gender, age, race, and ethnicity of population served/affected. Subrecipient communities' partners receiving SPF SIG awards will be

required to update Part II of the instrument a minimum of every six months.

The estimated annual burden for specific segments of the community-level data collection is displayed in Table 1. The burden estimates for the CLIs are based on the experience in the Cohort I and II SPF SIG evaluation as reported in the original OMB submission (OMB No. 0930-0279), less the considerable reduction in length of these instruments implemented by the Cohort III, IV, and V evaluation team. The total burden assumes an average of 15 community-level subrecipients per grantee (n=51 Grantees) for a total of 765 community respondents, annual completion of the CLI Part I, a minimum of two instrument updates per year for the CLI Part II, and an average of three distinct prevention intervention strategies implemented by each community during a 6-month period. Additionally, some questions will be addressed only once and the responses will be used to pre-fill subsequent updates.

*Participant-Level Data Collection  
(Cohort III, IV, and V—Continuation)*

Participant-level change will be measured using the CSAP NOMs Adult and Youth Programs Survey Forms

already approved by OMB (OMB No. 0930-0230). Subrecipient communities will have the opportunity to select relevant measures from the CSAP NOMs Adult and Youth Programs Survey Forms based on site-specific targeted program outcomes and may voluntarily select additional outcome measures that are relevant to their own initiatives. Cohort III, IV, and V SPF SIG grantees have been included in the currently OMB approved umbrella NOMs application (OMB No. 0930-0230) covering all SAMHSA/CSAP grantees, therefore no additional burden for this evaluation activity is being imposed and clearance to conduct the activities is not being requested.

**Total Estimates of Annualized Hour Burden**

Estimates of total and annualized reporting burden for respondents by evaluation cohort are displayed below in Table 1. Overall summaries appear in Table 2. The estimated average annual burden of 5,773 hours is based on the completion of the Community Level-Instrument (CLI Parts I and II) and Sustainability Interview for Cohorts I and II, and the Grantee-level Instruments (GLI) and the Community-Level Instrument (CLI) for Cohorts III, IV, and V.

TABLE 1—ESTIMATES OF ANNUALIZED HOUR BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

Instrument type	Respondent	Burden per response (hrs.)	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Total burden (hrs.)	Hourly wage cost	Total hour cost
<b>Cohorts 1 and 2 Grantee-Level Burden</b>							
CLI Grantee Level Input	Grantee	1	26	2	52.0	\$42.00	\$2,184
Sustainability Interview	Grantee	1.5	26	1	39.0	42.00	1,638
<b>Total Burden</b>	<b>Grantee</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>3,822</b>
<b>Average Annual Burden Over 4 Reporting Periods</b>	<b>Grantee</b>		<b>26</b>		<b>22.8</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>956</b>
<b>Cohorts 1 and 2 Community-Level Burden</b>							
CLI Part I	Community	2.17	443	2	1,922.6	32.00	61,523
CLI Part II	Community	2.17	443	8	7,690.5	32.00	246,095
Review of Past Responses	Community	2.5	443	2	2,215.0	32.00	70,880
<b>Total Burden</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>6.84</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11,828.1</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>378,498</b>
<b>Average Annual Burden Over 4 Reporting Periods</b>	<b>Community</b>		<b>443</b>		<b>2,957.0</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>94,625</b>
<b>Grantee-Level Burden Cohort 3</b>							
GLI Infrastructure Instrument	Grantee	2.50	16	1	40.0	42.00	1,680
GLI Implementation Instrument	Grantee	2.25	16	1	36.0	42.00	1,512
CLI Part I, 1–20: Community Contact Information—Updates	Grantee	0.25	16	1	4.0	42.00	168
<b>Total Burden</b>	<b>Grantee</b>				<b>80.0</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>3,360</b>
<b>Average Annual Burden Over 4 Reporting Periods</b>	<b>Grantee</b>				<b>20.0</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>840</b>
<b>Community-Level Burden Cohort 3</b>							
CLI Part I, 21–172: Community SPF Activities—Updates	Community	0.75	240	1	180	32.00	5,760
CLI Part II—Updates	Community	0.5	240	6	720	32.00	23,040
<b>Total Burden</b>	<b>Community</b>				<b>900</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>28,800</b>
<b>Average Annual Burden Over 4 Reporting Periods</b>	<b>Community</b>				<b>225</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>7,200</b>
<b>Grantee-Level Burden Cohort 4</b>							
GLI Infrastructure Instruments	Grantee	2.50	25	1	62.5	42.00	2,625
GLI Implementation Instruments	Grantee	2.25	25	2	112.5	42.00	4,725
CLI Part I, 1–20: Community Contact Information—Initialization.	Grantee	1.5	25	1	37.5	42.00	1,575
CLI Part I, 1–20: Community Contact Information—Updates	Grantee	0.25	25	3	18.75	42.00	787
<b>Total Burden</b>	<b>Grantee</b>				<b>231.25</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>9,712</b>
<b>Average Annual Burden Over 4 Reporting Periods</b>	<b>Grantee</b>				<b>57.8</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>2,428</b>
<b>Community-Level Burden Cohort 4</b>							
CLI Part I, 21–172: Community SPF Activities—Initialization.	Community	3	375	1	1,125	32.00	36,000

TABLE 1—ESTIMATES OF ANNUALIZED HOUR BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS—Continued

Instrument type	Respondent	Burden per response (hrs.)	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Total burden (hrs.)	Hourly wage cost	Total hour cost
CLI Part II—Initialization	Community	0.75	375	6	1,687.5	32.00	54,000
CLI Part I, 21–172: Community SPF Activities—Updates	Community	0.75	375	3	843.75	32.00	27,000
CLI Part II—Updates	Community	0.5	375	18	3,375	32.00	108,000
<b>Total Burden</b>	<b>Community</b>				<b>7,031.25</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>225,000</b>
<b>Average Annual Burden Over 4 Reporting Periods</b>	<b>Community</b>				<b>1,757.8</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>56,250</b>
<b>Grantee-Level Burden Cohort 5</b>							
GLI Infrastructure Instruments	Grantee	2.5	10	2	50	42.00	2,100
GLI Implementation Instruments	Grantee	2.25	10	2	45	42.00	1,890
CLI Part I, 1–20: Community Contact Information—Initialization.	Grantee	1.5	10	1	15.0	42.00	630
CLI Part I, 1–20: Community Contact Information—Updates	Grantee	0.25	10	3	7.5	42.00	315
<b>Total Burden</b>	<b>Grantee</b>				<b>117.5</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>4,935</b>
<b>Average Annual Burden Over 4 Reporting Periods</b>	<b>Grantee</b>				<b>29.4</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>1,234</b>
<b>Community-Level Burden Cohort 5</b>							
CLI Part I, 21–172: Community SPF Activities—Initialization	Community	3	150	1	450	32.00	14,400
CLI Part II—Initialization	Community	0.75	150	6	675	32.00	21,600
CLI Part I, 21–172: Community SPF Activities—Updates	Community	0.75	150	3	337.5	32.00	10,800
CLI Part II—Updates	Community	0.5	150	18	1,350	32.00	43,200
<b>Total Burden</b>	<b>Community</b>				<b>2,812.5</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>90,000</b>
<b>Average Annual Burden Over 4 Reporting Periods</b>	<b>Community</b>				<b>703.12</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>22,500</b>

TABLE 2—ANNUALIZED SUMMARY TABLE

Respondent	Burden per response (hrs.)	No. of respondents	No. of responses	Total burden (hrs.)	Hourly wage cost	Total hour cost
<b>Total Burden All Cohorts</b>						
Grantee	1.44	77	90.25	129.9	42.00	5,455
Community	1.04	1,208	5,424	5,643	32.00	180,576
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>5,514.25</b>	<b>5,773</b>	.....	<b>186,031</b>

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 7-1044, One Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857 and e-mail a copy to [summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov). Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: January 24, 2011.

**Elaine Parry,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DHS-2011-0003]

#### Privacy Act of 1974; Department of Homeland Security Office of Operations Coordination and Planning—004 Publicly Available Social Media Monitoring and Situational Awareness Initiative System of Records

**AGENCY:** Privacy Office, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Privacy Act system of records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Department of Homeland Security is giving notice that it proposes to establish a new Department of Homeland Security system of records titled, "Department of Homeland Security Office of Operations Coordination and Planning—004 Publicly Available Social Media Monitoring and Situational Awareness Initiative System of Records." The Office of Operations Coordination and Planning (OPS) National Operations Center (NOC), has launched and leads the Publicly Available Social Media Monitoring and Situational Awareness (Initiative) to assist the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its components involved in fulfilling OPS statutory responsibility to provide situational awareness. The NOC and participating components may share this de-identified information with international partners and the private sector where necessary and appropriate for coordination. While this Initiative is not designed to actively collect Personally Identifiable Information (PII), OPS is publishing this System of Records Notice (SORN) because the Initiative may collect PII for certain narrowly tailored categories. For example, in the event of an *in extremis* situation involving potential life and death, OPS will share certain PII with the responding authority in order for

them to take the necessary actions to save a life, such as name and location of a person calling for help buried under rubble, or hiding in a hotel room when the hotel is under attack by terrorists. In the event PII comes into the Department's possession under circumstances other than those itemized herein, the NOC will redact all PII prior to further dissemination of any collected information. This collection is currently covered under DHS/OPS-003 but in order to provide more transparency, DHS is issuing a specific SORN for this activity. This newly established system will be included in the Department of Homeland Security's inventory of record systems.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 3, 2011. This new system will be effective March 3, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2011-0003 by one of the following methods:

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 703-483-2999.
- *Mail:* Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528.
- *Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.
- *Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general questions please contact: Michael Page (202-357-7626), Privacy Point of Contact, Office of Operations Coordination and Planning, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528. For privacy issues please contact: Mary Ellen Callahan (703-235-0780), Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Operations Coordination and Planning (OPS), including the National Operations Center (NOC), proposes to establish a new DHS system of records titled, "DHS/OPS—004 Publicly Available Social Media Monitoring and

Situational Awareness Initiative System of Records."

This system of records will allow DHS/OPS, including the NOC, to provide situational awareness and establish a common operating picture for the entire federal government, and for state, local, and tribal governments as appropriate, and to ensure that critical disaster-related information reaches government decision makers. See Section 515 of the Homeland Security Act (6 U.S.C. 321d(b)(1)). The law defines the term "situational awareness" as "information gathered from a variety of sources that, when communicated to emergency managers and decision makers, can form the basis for incident management decision-making." OPS has launched and leads this Initiative to fulfill its legal mandate to provide situational awareness and establish a common operating picture. In doing so, OPS is working with select components within the Department to achieve this statutory mandate. This collection is currently covered under DHS/OPS-003 but in order to provide more transparency, DHS is issuing a specific SORN for this activity.

The NOC will use Internet-based platforms that provide a variety of ways to follow activity related to monitoring publicly available online forums, blogs, public websites, and message boards. Through the use of publicly available search engines and content aggregators the NOC will monitor activities on social media for information that the NOC can use to provide situational awareness and establish a common operating picture. The NOC will gather, store, analyze, and disseminate relevant and appropriate de-identified information to federal, state, local, and foreign governments, and private sector partners authorized to receive situational awareness and a common operating picture. Under this initiative, OPS generally will not: (1) Actively seek personally identifiable information (PII); (2) post any information; (3) actively seek to connect with other internal/external personal users; (4) accept other internal/external personal users' invitations to connect; or (5) interact on social media sites. However, OPS is permitted to establish user names and passwords to form profiles and follow relevant government, media, and subject matter experts on social media sites in order to use search tools under established criteria and search terms for monitoring that supports providing situational awareness and establishing a common operating picture. Furthermore, PII on the following categories of individuals may be collected when it lends credibility to the