

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[Docket ID FEMA-2008-0010]

**Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.**ACTION:** Committee Management; Request for applicants for appointment to the Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy.

**SUMMARY:** The National Fire Academy (Academy) is requesting an individual who are interested in serving on the Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy (Board) to apply for appointment as identified in this notice. Pursuant to the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, the Board shall review annually the programs of the Academy and shall make recommendations to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator, through the United States Fire Administrator, regarding the operation of the Academy and any improvements that the Board deems appropriate. The Board is composed of eight members, all of whom have national or regional leadership experience in the fields of fire safety, fire prevention (such as community risk reduction to include wildland urban interface), fire control, research and development in fire protection, treatment and rehabilitation of fire victims, or local government services management, which includes emergency medical services. The Academy seeks to appoint an individual to a position on the Board that will be open due to term expiration. If other positions are vacated during the application process, candidates may be selected from the pool of applicants to fill the vacated positions.

**DATES:** Résumés will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. EST April 4, 2018.**ADDRESSES:** The preferred method of submission is via email. However, résumés may also be submitted by mail. Please only submit by ONE of the following methods:

- *Email:* FEMA-NFABOV@fema.dhs.gov.

- *Mail:* National Fire Academy, U.S. Fire Administration, Attention: Ellen Newlin, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727-8998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *Alternate Designated Federal Officer,* Terry Gladhill, telephone (301) 447-1239, email *Terry.Gladhill@fema.dhs.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board is an advisory committee established in accordance with the provision of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix. The purpose of the Board is to review annually the programs of the Academy and advise the FEMA Administrator on the operation of the Academy and any improvements therein that the Board deems appropriate. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Board examines Academy programs to determine whether these programs further the basic missions that are approved by the FEMA Administrator, examines the physical plant of the Academy to determine the adequacy of the Academy's facilities, and examines the funding levels for Academy programs. The Board submits a written annual report through the United States Fire Administrator to the FEMA Administrator. The report provides detailed comments and recommendations regarding the operation of the Academy.

Individuals who are interested in serving on the Board are invited to apply for consideration for appointment. There is no application form; however, a current résumé and statement of interest will be required. The appointment shall be for a term of up to three years. Individual selected for the appointment shall serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs), defined in section 202(a) of title 18, United States Code. The candidate selected for the appointment will be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Form (U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) Form 450).

The Board shall meet as often as needed to fulfill its mission, but not less than twice each fiscal year to address its objectives and duties. The Board will meet in person at least once each fiscal year with additional meetings held via teleconference. Board members may be reimbursed for travel and per diem incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Board. All travel for Board business must be approved in advance by the Designated Federal Officer. To the extent practical, Board members shall serve on any subcommittee that is established.

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diverse candidate pool for all its recruitment actions.

Current DHS employees, contractors, and potential contractors will not be considered for membership. Federally registered lobbyists will not be considered for SGE appointments.

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[CIS No. 2618-18; DHS Docket No. USCIS-2013-0001]

**RIN 1615-ZB72****Extension of the Designation of Syria for Temporary Protected Status****AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Through this Notice, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is extending the designation of Syria for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months, from April 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019. The extension allows currently eligible TPS beneficiaries to retain TPS through September 30, 2019, so long as they otherwise continue to meet the eligibility requirements for TPS. This Notice also sets forth procedures necessary for nationals of Syria (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Syria) to re-register for TPS and to apply for Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). USCIS will issue new EADs with a September 30, 2019 expiration date to eligible Syria TPS beneficiaries who timely re-register and apply for EADs under this extension.

**DATES:** *Extension of Designation of Syria for TPS:* The 18-month extension of the TPS designation of Syria is effective April 1, 2018, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2019. The 60-day re-registration period runs from March 5, 2018 through May 4, 2018. (**Note:** It is important for re-registrants to timely re-register during this 60-day period and not to wait until their EADs expire.)