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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA regulations in 44 CFR 206.437 require development and updates to the State Administrative Plan by State Applicants/Recipients, as a condition of receiving HMGP funding under section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5170c. Applicant/Recipients can be any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an Indian Tribal government (federally-recognized) that chooses to act as an Applicant/Recipient. A State is defined in section 102(4) of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5122) as any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Collection of Information

Title: State Administrative Plan for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Type of Information Collection: Extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1660–0026.

FEMA Forms: None.

Abstract: The State Administrative Plan is a procedural guide that details how the State will administer the HMGP. The State, Territory, or Indian Tribal government (who acts as a recipient) must have a current administrative plan approved by the appropriate FEMA Regional Administrator before receiving HMGP funds. The administrative plan may take any form including a chapter within a comprehensive State mitigation program strategy.

Affected Public: State, Territories, and Tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 35.

Frequency of Response: Twice Annually.

Estimated Number of Responses: 70.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 560.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost: \$32,704.

Estimated Respondents' Operation and Maintenance Costs: There are no Operation and Maintenance Costs associated with this information collection.

Estimated Respondents' Capital and Start-Up Costs: There are no record keeping, capital, start-up or

maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government: \$23,871.

Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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 electronic submission of responses.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2007–0008]

National Advisory Council; Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Committee Management; notice of open Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council (NAC) will meet December 1–2, 2020. The meeting will be open to the public through virtual means.

DATES: The NAC will meet by virtual means Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 2, 2020, between 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). Please note that the meeting may close early if the NAC has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: All membership, FEMA, invited guest and public participation is by virtual means only. Anyone who wishes to participate must register with FEMA prior to the meeting by providing their name, telephone number, email address, title, and organization to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** caption by 5 p.m. ET Friday, November 27, 2020.

To facilitate public participation, members of the public are invited to provide written comments on the issues to be considered by the NAC. The topic areas are indicated in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** caption. The full agenda and any related documents for this meeting will be available by Friday, November 27, 2020, by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** caption. Written comments must be submitted and received by 5 p.m. ET on November 27, 2020, identified by Docket ID FEMA–2007–0008, and submitted by the following method: Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the words “Federal Emergency Management Agency” and the docket ID for this action. Comments received, including any personal information provided, will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may wish to read the “Privacy & Security Notice” found via a link on the homepage of www.regulations.gov.

Docket: For access to the docket to read comments received by the NAC, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and search for Docket ID FEMA–2007–0008.

Public comment periods will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, from 1:30 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. ET and on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, from 1:30 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. ET. All speakers must limit their comments to 3 minutes. Comments should be addressed to the NAC. Any comments not related to the agenda topics will not be considered by the NAC. To register to make remarks during the public comment period, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** caption by 5 p.m. ET Friday, November 27, 2020. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments.

Reasonable accommodations are available for people with disabilities. To request a reasonable accommodation, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** caption as soon as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fulfill.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jasper Cooke, Designated Federal Officer, Office of the National Advisory Council, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472-3184, telephone (202) 646-2700, and email FEMA-NAC@fema.dhs.gov. The NAC website is <http://www.fema.gov/national-advisory-council>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix.

The NAC advises the FEMA Administrator on all aspects of emergency management. The NAC incorporates input from State, local, territorial, and Tribal governments and the private sector in making recommendations to the FEMA Administrator to be considered and potentially incorporated into FEMA plans and strategies. The NAC includes a cross-section of officials, emergency managers, and emergency response providers from State, local, territorial, and Tribal governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations.

Agenda: On Tuesday, December 1, 2020, the NAC will hear from participants and discuss expediting disaster assistance.

On Wednesday, December 2, 2020, the NAC will hear from participants and discuss creating an equity standard.

The full agenda and any related documents for this meeting will be available by Friday, November 27, 2020, by contacting the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Pete Gaynor,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2020-0043]

Request for Information: Evidence-Building Activities

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 requires federal agencies to develop evidence-building plans to identify and address questions relevant to Agency policies, programs, regulations, management, and operations. Through this request for

Information (RFI), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) seeks to expand ongoing efforts to identify priority questions that can guide evidence-building activities by soliciting input from the public.

DATES: Please send comments on or before December 31, 2020. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments via the *Federal eRulemaking Portal* at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments via Docket No. DHS-2020-0043. All comments received, including any personal information provided, may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice, please contact Michael Stough, Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, (202) 447-0518, michael.stough@hq.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Evidence Act

The Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Evidence Act, Pub. L. 115-435) requires each federal agency to develop, as part of the agency strategic plan issued every four years,¹ a systematic evidence-building plan (or “learning agenda”) to identify and address policy questions relevant to the programs, policies, and regulations of the agency.² The plan must contain (1) a list of policy-relevant questions for which the agency intends to develop evidence to support policymaking; (2) a list of data the agency intends to collect, use, or acquire to facilitate the use of evidence in policymaking; (3) a list of methods and analytical approaches that may be used to develop evidence to support policymaking; (4) a list of any challenges to developing evidence to support policymaking, including any statutory or other restrictions to accessing relevant data; (5) a description of the steps the agency will take to accomplish items (1) and (2) above; and (6) any other information as required by guidance issued by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).³ In developing the evidence-building plan, the agency must consult with stakeholders, including the public, agencies, State and local governments,

and representatives of non-governmental researchers.⁴

DHS has commenced development of its evidence-building plan. Consistent with the Evidence Act, DHS now invites comments from the public to inform the development of the Department’s evidence-building plan. DHS invites suggestions in many forms, such as questions to be answered, hypotheses to be tested, or problems to be studied. DHS will analyze information collected from this RFI to continue developing its evidence-building plan.

DHS Background

With the passage of the Homeland Security Act by Congress in November 2002, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) became a Cabinet-level agency to unite the Nation’s approach to homeland security. DHS combined functions of 22 different agencies with broad responsibilities that collectively prevent attacks, mitigate threats, respond to national emergencies, preserve economic security, and preserve legacy agency functions. DHS is committed to evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of its programs, policies, and regulations. DHS will use its evidence-building plan to coordinate and communicate how evaluation, statistics, research, and analysis will be used to help the Department achieve its mission.

Request for Information

Through this RFI, DHS is soliciting suggestions from a broad array of stakeholders across public and private sectors that may be familiar with or interested in the work of DHS and wish to volunteer suggestions for studies that could help DHS improve the effectiveness and efficiency of DHS programs, policies and regulations. DHS invites suggestions in many forms—such as questions to be answered, hypotheses to be tested, or problems to be studied—and focused on any area of Department’s work, including policy,

⁴ See, e.g., OMB Memorandum M-19-23, Phase 1 Implementation of the Foundations for Evidence Based Policymaking Act of 2018: Learning Agenda, Personnel, and Planning Guidance at 16-17 (July 10, 2019), available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/M-19-23.pdf> (last visited Oct. 26, 2020) (“Agencies should gather input in the manner that best meets their needs, most effectively engages their specific stakeholders, and leverages existing activities and/or requirements whenever possible, in accordance with applicable law and policy. Potential models for doing so include: Requests for Information published in the *Federal Register*, listening sessions with groups of stakeholders, Technical Working Groups, and one-on-one consultations. OMB recognizes that agencies may use different approaches at different points in the process, and that it may not be feasible to engage all stakeholders for all updates to the learning agenda. . . .”).

¹ The latest such DHS strategic plan covers the years 2020-2024, and preceded implementation of the Evidence Act. See DHS, *The DHS Strategic Plan: Fiscal Years 2020-2024*, available at https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/19_0702_plcy_dhs-strategic-plan-fy20-24.pdf (last visited Oct. 26, 2020).

² See 5 U.S.C. 306, 312.

³ See 5 U.S.C. 312(a).