

below. Comments should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. ET on August 25, 2023 and must be identified by Docket Number DHS–2023–0023. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Please follow the instructions for submitting written comments.

- *Email:* [HSAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:HSAC@hq.dhs.gov). Include the Docket Number DHS–2023–0023 in the subject line of the email.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words “Homeland Security Advisory Council” and the Docket Number for this action.

Comments received will be posted without alteration to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. You may wish to review the Privacy & Security notice available via a link on the homepage of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

*Docket:* For access to the docket and comments received by the Homeland Security Advisory Council, please go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter docket number DHS–2023–0023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Rebecca Sternhell, Acting Executive Director, HSAC at 202–891–2876 or [HSAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:HSAC@hq.dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 1009, which requires each FACA committee meeting to be open to the public unless the President, or the head of the agency to which the advisory committee reports, determines that a portion of the meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

The HSAC provides organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific, actionable advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters related to homeland security. The Council consists of senior executives from government, the private sector, academia, law enforcement, and non-governmental organizations.

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Threats & Defense Subcommittee is tasked with (1) assessing the ways AI systems can be utilized and leveraged by adversarial forces and (2) providing recommendations to the Secretary on development and research strategies and defense initiatives to combat against malevolent and adversarial AI utilization.

The HSAC will meet in a closed session from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET to receive a For Official Use Only (FOUO) and Law Enforcement Sensitive

(LES) draft report from the AI Threats and Defense Subcommittee. HSAC members will receive a briefing from the Subcommittee Leadership and then the members will deliberate on the FOUO//LES report and vote on the report. Senior DHS Leadership will provide remarks prior to adjournment.

*Basis for Closure:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 1009(d), the Secretary of Homeland Security has determined this meeting must be closed as the disclosure of the information relayed would be detrimental to the public interest for the following reasons:

The Council will participate in a sensitive operational discussion containing For Official Use Only and Law Enforcement Sensitive information. The session is closed pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(c)(7) and (9)(B) because the disclosure of this information could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions.

Dated: August 9, 2023.

**Rebecca Sternhell,**

*Acting Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council, Department of Homeland Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**[Docket Number DHS–2023–0026]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Contractor Fitness/Security Screening Request Form; OMB Control No. 1601–NEW**

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security will submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 16, 2023. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number Docket # DHS–2023–0026, at:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number Docket # DHS–2023–0026. 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>

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This information collection will be used to initiate the fitness screening process for determining if a person invited to perform work under a contract for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is fit to perform such work and eligible for access to DHS resources, based on the risk levels of the designated position. The respondent provides and/or verifies biographical information to complete Section II of DHS Form 11000–25. This collection of information is necessary to initiate the contractor fitness screening process for determining whether a person (*i.e.*, the respondent) who has been invited to perform work under a contract for, or on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), should be deemed fit to perform such work and eligible for logical and/or physical access to DHS resources based on the risk levels of the designated position. The respondent is responsible for providing and/or verifying information to complete Section II of DHS Form 11000–25; the remaining sections of DHS Form 11000–25 (Sections I, III, and IV) are completed by DHS federal employees. Authorities that support this information collection include:

- Executive Order (E.O.) 9397, *Numbering System for Federal Accounts Relating to Individual Persons, as amended by E.O. 13478, Amendments to E.O. 9397 Relating to Federal Agency Use of Social Security Numbers*
- E.O. 10577, *Amending the Civil Service Rules and Authorizing a New Appointment System for the Competitive Service*
- E.O. 13467, *Reforming Processes Related to Suitability for Government Employment, Fitness for Contractor Employees, and Eligibility for Access to Classified National Security Information*
- E.O. 13764, *Amending the Civil Service Rules, Executive Order 13488, and Executive Order 13467 To Modernize the Executive Branch-Wide Governance Structure and Processes for Security Clearances, Suitability and Fitness for Employment, and Credentialing, and Related Matters*
- Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 731, *Suitability*

- Title 5, CFR, part 732, *National Security Positions*
- Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.204–2, *Security Requirements*
- FAR 52.204–9, *Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel*
- Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12

This is a new information collection. DHS collects this information from the respondent, so Personnel Security entities can initiate the appropriate screening process for determining whether the respondent should be deemed fit to perform work under a contract for, or on behalf of DHS, and eligible for logical and/or physical access to DHS resources based on the risk levels of the designated position.

This information collection utilizes an automated technological solution (*i.e.*, Personnel Security Forms application) which negates the need for a paper-based DHS Form 11000 25, thereby reducing the burden on the respondent during the initiation phase of the contractor fitness screening process. After receiving an invitation to perform work under a contract, the respondent (*i.e.*, DHS contractor applicant) submits and verifies certain biographical information (*e.g.*, full name, position title, SSN, gender, date and place of birth, U.S. citizenship status, telephone number, and email address) through a public facing web portal. Once the information intake is complete, the Personnel Security Forms application produces an automated electronic version of the DHS Form 11000–25 for use by the appropriate Personnel Security entities to make a fitness determination.

This information collection does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.

The information collection for DHS Form 11000–25 is voluntary; however, failure to provide this information may delay or prevent an individual's fitness determination and eligibility for physical and logical access to federally controlled facilities or information systems.

There is no assurance of confidentiality provided to the respondents. Consistent with DHS' information sharing mission, all or a portion of the information collection may be disclosed outside DHS consistent with the routine uses set forth in Privacy Impact Assessment, *DHS/ALL/PIA-038, Integrated Security Management System (ISMS)*, and System of Record Notice, *DHS/ALL-023 Department of Homeland Personnel Security Management*.

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The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. 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;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. 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 submissions of responses.

#### Analysis

*Agency:* Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

*Title:* Contractor Fitness/Security Screening Request Form.

*OMB Number:* 1601–NEW.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Number of Respondents:* 45,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 15 mins.

*Total Burden Hours:* 11,250 Hrs.

#### Robert Dorr,

*Acting Executive Director, Business Management Directorate.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2023–0155; FXIA1671090000–234–FF09A30000]

#### Foreign Endangered Species; Receipt of Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits

activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species.

**DATES:** We must receive comments by September 14, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** *Obtaining Documents:* The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2023–0155.

*Submitting Comments:* When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2023–0155.

- *U.S. Mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2023–0155; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy MacDonald, by phone at 703–358–2185 or via email at [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Public Comment Procedures**

*A. How do I comment on submitted applications?*

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES.** We will not consider comments sent by email or to an address not in **ADDRESSES.** We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).