PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

1. Committee's Official Designation:

President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC)

2. Authority:

The NSTAC is established under the authority of Executive Order 12382, dated September 13, 1982, as amended and continued under the authority of Executive Order 13889, dated September 27, 2019. NSTAC, a presidential advisory committee, operates under the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (FACA), Title 5, United States Code, Appendix.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities:

A. NSTAC shall provide to the President, through the Secretary of Homeland Security, among other things, information and advice on national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) telecommunications, information and communications services. Recommendations shall be industry's perspective with respect to the implementation of key policy and implementation activities including, but not limited to, Executive Order 13618, *Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Communications Functions*, and National Security Decision Directive Number 97, *National Security Telecommunications Policy*.

   Additionally, the Committee shall provide information and advice to the President, through the Secretary of Homeland Security, regarding the feasibility of implementing specific measures to improve the telecommunications aspects of the national security posture.

B. NSTAC will address matters pertaining to NS/EP telecommunications, information and communications services (such as emerging technologies, broadband, public safety, communications infrastructure security and resilience, and cybersecurity). The Committee shall provide technical information and advice on identification and solution of problems that the Committee considers will affect national security telecommunications capability.

C. Matters for NSTAC study shall be determined and approved by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), in coordination with the Executive Office of the President.

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D. The Committee shall periodically report on matters in this section to the President through the Secretary of Homeland Security.

4. Description of Duties:

The duties of NSTAC are solely advisory in nature.

5. Officials to Whom the Committee Reports:

NSTAC will report in writing to the President of the United States through the Secretary of Homeland Security, via the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Additionally, CISA will assist in fulfilling the reporting requirements of section 6(b) of FACA.

6. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support:

DHS shall be responsible for providing financial and administrative support to the NSTAC. Within DHS, CISA shall provide this support. Funding for NSTAC and committee support shall be approved by the DFO before activities begin.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:

The estimated annual cost of operating NSTAC and its subcommittees is $1,500,000, including travel expenses, per diem, contractor support, reports preparation, and five staff years of support. Members of NSTAC will serve on the committee without compensation. However, to the extent permitted by law, members shall be entitled to travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence.

8. Designated Federal Officer:

The CISA Director shall appoint the DFO and Alternate DFOs, as well as set agendas and work activities. The DFO or any Alternate DFO approve or call NSTAC meetings, attend all committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meetings when it's determined adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair the meeting in the absence of the designated NSTAC Chair and Vice Chair.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

Meetings of NSTAC may be held with the approval of the DFO. The Committee is expected to meet at a minimum of once per year. NSTAC meetings shall be open to the public unless a determination is made by the appropriate DHS official in accordance with DHS policy and directives that the meeting should be closed in accordance with Title 5, United States Code, subsection (c) of 552b.

10. Duration:

NSTAC is continuing except as noted in Section 11.

11. Termination:

As authorized in Section 1(f) of Executive Order 13889, dated September 27, 2019, NSTAC shall terminate September 30, 2021, unless extended by the President.

12. Membership and Designation:

NSTAC will be composed of up to 30 members who are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the President. Members are appointed to represent elements of the information technology and telecommunications industry and are not Special Government Employees as defined in section 202(a) of Title 18, United States Code. If a member intends to resign from the committee, their resignation is not final until they submit formal written notice to the President. In the event NSTAC terminates, all appointments to NSTAC shall terminate.

Officers:

The President shall annually designate a Chair and Vice Chair from among the members of NSTAC. The NSTAC Chair shall preside at all NSTAC meetings (unless chaired by the Vice Chair or DFO). The Vice Chair will act as Chair in the absence of the Chair.

13. Subcommittees:

With the approval of the DFO, NSTAC may establish subcommittees, as required, for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees may not work independently of the chartered committee and must report their recommendations and advice to NSTAC members for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions or to arrive at a consensus for/on behalf of NSTAC and may not report or provide advice or recommendations directly to the Federal Government or any entity other than NSTAC.

14. Recordkeeping:

The records of NSTAC, formally and informally established subcommittees or other subgroups of the committee, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act* (Title 5, United States Code, section 552).

15. Filing Date:

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