National Dialogue on the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review

What is the QHSR?
The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is conducting the first Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR). This congressionally mandated, top-to-bottom review of homeland security will guide the Department for the next four years and inform the Nation’s homeland security policies. The Secretary of Homeland Security will provide her conclusions from the comprehensive review to Congress in a final report by December 31, 2009. To learn more, go to: www.dhs.gov/qhsr.

What is the National Dialogue on the QHSR?
As a nation, we face a number of common threats, and we recognize that homeland security is a shared responsibility. State, local, and tribal governments, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, academia and the American public are key stakeholders in the national homeland security enterprise and are critical partners in this review. Therefore, DHS is engaging its stakeholders to participate in a series of National Dialogues and help inform the work of the QHSR study groups.

The content on the dialogues is not final, vetted departmental policy but rather the work of the study groups as they develop recommendations for leadership decision. Your comments and feedback are an integral part of the study groups’ efforts to develop these recommendations.

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These National Dialogues are extensions of the QHSR study groups, each of which is focusing on a specific study area. There are six study areas consisting of 4 mission studies and 2 studies on key homeland security processes.

Mission studies are:
- Counterterrorism and Domestic Security Management
- Securing Our Borders
- Smart and Tough Enforcement of Immigration Laws
- Preparing for, Responding to, and Recovering from Disasters

Process studies are:
- Homeland Security National Risk Assessment
- Homeland Security Planning and Capabilities

Second Dialogue: August 31 to September 6
The second dialogue is about to begin. You will be asked to rank and discuss on proposed strategic objectives (what we want to achieve) for the homeland security missions and to discuss strategic outcomes (how we should achieve the objectives) with DHS and dialogue participants. At this point, the work of the QHSR study groups will have benefited from stakeholder and partner input from the first dialogue. Your continued participation in the National Dialogue is critical to the QHSR process.

First Dialogue: August 3-9
Over 8,000 people — stakeholders and partners from all 50 U.S. States and the District of Columbia — joined in the conversation about homeland security. This engagement from a wide variety of homeland security stakeholders provided hundreds of comments to the QHSR study groups. See the archived results at http://www.homelandsecuritydialogue.org/dialogue1

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