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 partners in the national homeland security enterprise and are critical partners in this review. Therefore, DHS is engaging its stakeholders in a series of National Dialogues and help inform the work of the QHSR study groups.

These National Dialogues are extensions of the QHSR study groups, each of which is focusing on a specific study area (four mission studies and two studies on key homeland security processes).

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

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

Success of the First and Second Dialogues:
The first dialogue session presented the initial output generated by six QHSR study groups. Over 7,000 people — stakeholders and partners from all 50 U.S. States and the District of Columbia — joined in the conversation about homeland security and provided hundreds of comments to the QHSR study groups. During the second dialogue, 11,000 stakeholders and partners from all 50 U.S. States and 2000 cities prioritized strategic objectives for the homeland security missions and offered more than 400 unique comments on how to achieve those objectives. See archived results from the first two dialogues at: http://www.homelandsecuritydialogue.org

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Third Dialogue: September 28 - October 4

The third dialogue will seek your review of the final study group content submission including the vision, goals, objectives, and key strategic outcomes from the mission studies. We are seeking your opinions of the final content. Your continued participation in the National Dialogue is critical to the QHSR process.

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