



**CHARTER of the
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND AND NATIONAL SECURITY
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL**

The Committee on Homeland and National Security (CHNS) is hereby reestablished by action of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC).

The CHNS serves as part of the internal deliberative process of the NSTC and provides overall guidance and direction. The NSTC, a Cabinet-level council, is the principal means for the President to coordinate science and technology policies across the Federal Government.

Purpose

The purpose of the CHNS is to advise and assist the NSTC, under Executive Order 12881, to increase the overall effectiveness and productivity of Federal research and development (R&D) efforts in the area of science and technology related to homeland and national security. The Committee will address significant national and international policy matters that cut across agency boundaries, shall provide a formal mechanism to promote interagency policy coordination, foster collaboration, and develop Federal technology activities.

The Committee will act to improve the coordination of all Federal efforts in homeland and national security R&D. This includes creating balanced and comprehensive R&D programs, establishing structures to improve the way the Federal government plans and coordinates R&D, and advising the Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Director, Office of Management and Budget, on R&D budget crosscuts and priorities.

Functions

The CHNS serves as part of the internal deliberative process of the NSTC. Reporting to and directed by the Chairman of NSTC, the CHNS will:

- Facilitate planning, coordination, and communication among Federal departments and agencies involved in homeland or national security R&D;
- Help identify, define, and advise the NSTC on Federal priorities and plans for homeland or national security R&D, and recommend options for Federal priorities;
- Review and advise on Federal policy and programs that affect international efforts related to homeland or national security R&D;

- Address, as deemed necessary, technical programmatic and operational issues that affect two or more Federal agencies;
- Identify and recommend Federal priorities in national security R&D, intelligence R&D, and homeland security R&D and develop options for Federal R&D budget crosscuts; and
- Coordinate with other NSTC committees and facilitate NSTC clearance of documents generated by interagency groups that are established under its aegis.

The CHNS Co-Chairs, consistent with the Committee's endorsement, will recommend action on major R&D issues to the Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy for approval.

Membership

The following NSTC departments and agencies are represented on the Committee at the Undersecretary, Deputy Undersecretary, or Assistant Secretary level:

Department of Agriculture
 Department of Commerce
 Department of Defense
 Department of Energy
 Department of Health and Human Services
 Centers for Disease Control
 National Institutes of Health
 Department of Homeland Security
 Department of Interior
 Department of Justice
 Department of Labor
 Department of State
 Department of Transportation
 Department of Treasury
 Department of Veterans Affairs
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Environmental Protection Agency
 National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 National Science Foundation

The following organizations in the Executive Office of the President are also represented on the Committee:

Domestic Policy Council
 Homeland Security Council
 National Economic Council
 National Security Council
 Office of Management and Budget
 Office of Science and Technology Policy
 Office of the Vice President

Cooperating departments and agencies shall include:

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Patent and Trademark Office

Private Sector Interface

The Committee may seek advice from members of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology and will recommend to the Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy the nature of additional private sector advice needed to accomplish its mission. The Committee also may interact with and receive ad hoc advice from private sector groups as consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

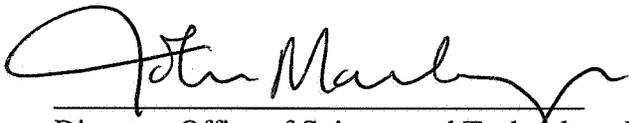
Termination Date

This charter shall terminate no later than March 31, 2009 unless renewed by the Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Determination

I hereby determine that the operation of the Committee on Homeland and National Security is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Executive Branch by law and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

Approved:



Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy

5/30/06

Date