DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[DOcket ID FEMA–2014–0022]

Technical Mapping Advisory Council

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Committee management; request for applicants for appointment to the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Technical Mapping Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is requesting qualified individuals interested in serving on the Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC) to apply for appointment. As provided for in the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, the TMAC makes recommendations to the FEMA Administrator on how to improve, in a cost-effective manner, the accuracy, general quality, ease of use, and distribution and dissemination of flood insurance rate maps (FIRMs) and risk data; and improve performance metrics and milestones required to effectively and efficiently map flood risk areas in the United States. Applicants will be considered for one of ten vacancies on the TMAC. Appointments will be for terms beginning October 1, 2018, and lasting two years.

DATES: Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. EST on March 12, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Applications for one of the following membership should be submitted by one of the following methods:

• Email: FEMA–TMAC@fema.dhs.gov.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Crowell (Designated Federal Officer for the TMAC); FEMA, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Risk Management Directorate, 400 C Street SW, Suite 313, Washington, DC 20472–3020; telephone: (202) 646–3432; and email: FEMA–TMAC@fema.dhs.gov. The TMAC website is: http://www.fema.gov/TMAC.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The TMAC is an advisory committee that was established by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, 42 U.S.C. 4101a, and in accordance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92–463). The TMAC is required to make recommendations to FEMA on mapping-related issues and activities. This includes mapping standards and guidelines, performance metrics and milestones, map maintenance, interagency and intergovernmental coordination, map accuracy, funding strategies, and other mapping-related issues and activities. In addition, the TMAC is required to submit an annual report to the FEMA Administrator that contains: (1) a description of the activities of the Council; (2) an evaluation of the status and performance of flood insurance rate maps and mapping activities to revise and update Flood Insurance Rate Maps; and (3) a summary of recommendations made by the Council to the FEMA Administrator.

Members of the TMAC will be appointed based on their demonstrated knowledge and competence regarding surveying, cartography, remote sensing, geographic information systems, or the technical aspects of preparing and using FIRMs. To the maximum extent practicable, FEMA will ensure that membership of the TMAC has a balance of Federal, State, local, Tribal, and private members, and includes geographic diversity.

FEMA is requesting qualified individuals who are interested in serving on the TMAC to apply for appointment. Applicants will be considered for appointment for ten vacancies on the TMAC, the terms of which start on October 1, 2018. Certain members of the TMAC, as indicated below, will be appointed to serve as Special Government Employees (SGE) as defined in section 202(a) of title 18 United States Code. Candidates selected for appointment as SGEs are required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Form (Office of Government Ethics [OGE] Form 450). This form can be obtained by visiting the website of the Office of Government Ethics (http://www.oge.gov). Please do not submit this form with your application. Qualified applicants will be considered for one or more of the following membership categories with vacancies:

a. One representative of a State government agency that has entered into a cooperating technical partnership with the FEMA Administrator and has demonstrated the capability to produce FIRMs;

b. One member of a recognized professional surveying association or organization (SGE appointment);

c. One member of a recognized professional mapping association or organization (SGE appointment);

d. One member of a recognized professional engineering association or organization (SGE appointment);

e. One representative of a State national flood insurance coordination office;

f. Two representatives of local government agency that has entered into a cooperating technical partnership with the FEMA Administrator and has demonstrated the capability to produce FIRMs;

g. One member of a recognized floodplain management association or organization (SGE appointment);

h. One member of a recognized risk management association or organization (SGE appointment); and

i. One State mitigation officer (SGE appointment).

Members of the TMAC serve terms of office for two years. There is no application form. However, applications must include the following information:

• The applicant’s full name,

• home and business phone numbers,

• preferred email address,

• home and business mailing addresses,

• current position title and organization,

• resume or curriculum vitae, and
• the membership category of interest (e.g., member of a recognized professional association or organization representing flood hazard determination firms).

Applicants can submit a cover letter along with their resume to the listed contact (i.e. the POC listed in the Further Information section of the FR notice).

The TMAC shall meet as often as needed to fulfill its mission, but not less than twice a year. Members may be reimbursed for travel and per diem incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the TMAC. All travel for TMAC business must be approved in advance by the Designated Federal Officer.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor. DHS strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all its recruitment actions. Current DHS and FEMA employees will not be considered for membership. Federally registered lobbyists will not be considered for SGE appointments.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Fire Management Assistance Grant Program

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Correction notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission will describe the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e., the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use. FEMA is publishing this notice to correct a misstatement in a previous notice that this collection was a reinstatement, with change, of a currently approved information collection. This collection is actually being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance as an extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and sent via electronic mail to dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Records Management Division, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, email address FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov or Allen Wineland, FMAG Program Manager, Office of Response & Recovery, FEMA, (202) 702–1472.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: This proposed information collection notice previously published in the Federal Register on January 26, 2018 at 83 FR 3763 with a 30 day public comment period. The notice incorrectly stated that this collection was a reinstatement, with change, of a currently approved information collection. This collection is being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance as an extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Collection of Information

Title: Fire Management Assistance Grant Program.

Type of information collection: Extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1660–0058.

Form Titles and Numbers: FEMA Form 078–0–1, Request for Fire Management Assistance Declaration; FEMA Form 089–0–24, Request for Fire Management Assistance Sub-grant; FEMA Form 078–0–2, Principal Advisor’s Report.

Abstract: The information collection is required to make grant eligibility determinations for the Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAGP). These eligibility-based grants and subgrants provide assistance to any eligible State, Indian tribal government, or local government for the mitigation, management, and control of a fire on public or private forest land or grassland that is threatening such destruction as would constitute a major disaster. The data/information gathered in the forms is used to determine the severity of the threatening fire, current and forecast weather conditions, and associated factors related to the fire and its potential threat as a major disaster.

AFFECTED PUBLIC: State, local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 178.

Estimated Number of Responses: 553.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 811.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost: The estimated annual cost to respondents for the hour burden is $56,281.

Estimated Respondents’ Operation and Maintenance Costs: There are no annual costs to respondents operations and maintenance costs for technical services.

Estimated Respondents’ Capital and Start-Up Costs: There is no annual start-up or capital costs.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government: The cost to the Federal Government is $612,370.

Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the ADDRESSES caption above. Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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 submission of responses.