



A National Dialogue on the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review

This year, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will conduct the first-ever **Quadrennial Homeland Security Review** (QHSR). This congressionally-mandated, top-to-bottom review of Homeland Security policies and priorities will guide the Department and the nation for the next four years.

Now is your opportunity to help shape our nation's Homeland Security policies and priorities. As part of her commitment to strengthening Homeland Security partnerships, Secretary Napolitano has recognized that the Department's capacity for mission-focused innovation depends on its ability to reach out to partners and draw on their insights and expertise. Accordingly, over the next three months, DHS will conduct a series of web-based, interactive dialogues around the key questions and topics that DHS is considering in its review. Internal agencies and external partners—including federal agencies, state, local and tribal governments, first responders, business leaders, academics, and other policy experts—will be engaged around six focus areas:

- **Counterterrorism and Domestic Security Management**
- **Securing Our Borders**
- **Smart and Tough Enforcement of Immigration Laws**
- **Preparing for, Responding to, and Recovering from Disasters**
- **Homeland Security National Risk Assessment**
- **Homeland Security Planning and Capabilities**

Hosted by the National Academy of Public Administration, these dialogues will take place in three phases, enabling key partners from across the nation to weigh in on the Homeland Security missions, goals, and priorities being proposed by the QHSR review teams. Participants can also suggest their own alternatives to these proposals, refine them in open discussion, and rate the best ones.

The feedback received through these dialogues will be considered by the teams responsible for conducting the overall review, and will directly inform our Homeland Security policies and priorities for the next four years.

About the QHSR Process

Every four years beginning in fiscal year 2009, the Secretary of Homeland Security conducts a Homeland Security review of the United States. This comprehensive examination includes recommendations regarding long-term strategy and priorities for Homeland Security and guidance on the Department's programs, assets, capabilities, policies, and authorities. At the conclusion of the review, the Department will compile and refine the QHSR Report based on the results of analysis and input from stakeholders. The final report is due to Congress on December 31, 2009. To learn more, see <http://www.dhs.gov/QHSR>.

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September 28th–October 4th**

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