DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)’s Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee) will hold an open meeting via webinar on March 12, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

DATES: The ACEHR will meet via webinar on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Please note participation instructions under the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina Faecke, Management and Program Analyst, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP), Engineering Laboratory, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–8604. Ms. Faecke’s email address is tina.faecke@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975–5911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 103 of the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108–360), 42 U.S.C. 7704, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. The Committee is composed of 11 members, appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their established records of distinguished service in their professional community, their knowledge of issues affecting NEHRP, and to reflect the wide diversity of technical disciplines, competencies, and communities involved in earthquake hazards reduction. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee serves as an ex-officio member of the Committee.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the ACEHR will meet via webinar on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public. The primary purpose of this meeting is for the Committee to develop a draft of their 2019 biennial Report on the Effectiveness of the NEHRP. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda and any meeting materials will be posted on the NEHRP website at http://nehrp.gov/.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee’s business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately fifteen minutes will be reserved from 4:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern Time for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but is likely to be about three minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. All those wishing to speak must submit their request by email to the attention of Tina Faecke.
Faecke, tina.faecke@nist.gov by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to participate are invited to submit written statements to ACEHR, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Mail Stop 8604, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, via fax at (301) 975–4032, or electronically by email to tina.faecke@nist.gov.

All participants in the meeting are required to pre-register. Anyone wishing to participate must register by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Please submit your first and last name, email address, and phone number to Tina Faecke at tina.faecke@nist.gov or (301) 975–5911. After pre-registering, participants will be provided with detailed instructions on how to join the webinar.

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National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) Critical Cybersecurity Hygiene: Patching the Enterprise Building Block

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites organizations to provide products and technical expertise to support and demonstrate security platforms for the Critical Cybersecurity Hygiene: Patching the Enterprise Building Block. This notice is the initial step for the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) in collaborating with technology companies to address cybersecurity challenges identified under the Critical Cybersecurity Hygiene: Patching the Enterprise Building Block. Participation in the building block is open to all interested organizations.

DATES: Collaborative activities will commence as soon as enough completed and signed letters of interest have been returned to address all the necessary component(s) and capabilities, but no earlier than March 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The NCCoE is located at 9700 Great Seneca Highway, Rockville, MD 20850. Letters of interest must be submitted to cyberhygiene@nist.gov or via hardcopy to National Institute of Standards and Technology, NCCoE; 9700 Great Seneca Highway, Rockville, MD 20850. Organizations whose letters of interest are accepted in accordance with the process set forth in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice will be asked to sign a consortium Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with NIST. An NCCoE consortium CRADA template can be found at: https://www.nccoe.nist.gov/sites/default/files/library/nccoe-consortium-crada-example.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alper Kerman and Murugiah Souppaya via email to cyberhygiene@nist.gov; by telephone 301–975–0226 and 301–975–8443; or by mail to National Institute of Standards and Technology, NCCoE; 9700 Great Seneca Highway, Rockville, MD 20850. Additional details about the Critical Cybersecurity Hygiene: Patching the Enterprise Building Block are available at https://www.nccoe.nist.gov/sites/default/files/library/project-descriptions/ch-pe-project-description-draft.pdf.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties must contact NIST to request a letter of interest template to be completed and submitted to NIST. Letters of interest will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. When the building block has been completed, NIST will post a notice on the NCCoE Critical Cybersecurity Hygiene: Patching the Enterprise Building Block website at https://www.nccoe.nist.gov/sites/default/files/library/project-descriptions/ch-pe-project-description-draft.pdf announcing the completion of the building block and informing the public that it will no longer accept letters of interest for this building block.

Background: The NCCoE, part of NIST, is a public-private collaboration for accelerating the widespread adoption of integrated cybersecurity tools and technologies. The NCCoE brings together experts from industry, government, and academia under one roof to develop practical, interoperable cybersecurity approaches that address the real-world needs of complex Information Technology (IT) systems. By accelerating dissemination and use of these integrated tools and technologies for protecting IT assets, the NCCoE will enhance trust in U.S. IT communications, data, and storage systems; reduce risk for companies and individuals using IT systems; and encourage development of innovative, job-creating cybersecurity products and services.

Process: NIST is soliciting responses from all sources of relevant security capabilities (see below) to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) to provide products and technical expertise to support and demonstrate security platforms for the Critical Cybersecurity Hygiene: Patching the Enterprise Building Block. The full building block can be viewed at: https://www.nccoe.nist.gov/sites/default/files/library/project-descriptions/ch-pe-project-description-draft.pdf.

Interested parties should contact NIST using the information provided in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice. NIST will then provide each interested party with a letter of interest template, which the party must complete, certify that it is accurate, and submit to NIST. NIST will contact interested parties if there are questions regarding the responsiveness of the letters of interest to the building block objective or requirements identified below. NIST will select participants who have submitted complete letters of interest on a first come, first served basis within each category of product components or capabilities listed below up to the number of participants in each category necessary to carry out this building block. However, there may be continuing opportunity to participate even after initial activity commences. Selected participants will be required to enter into a consortium CRADA with NIST (for reference, see ADDRESSES section above). NIST published a notice in the Federal Register on October 19, 2012 (77 FR 64314) inviting U.S. companies to enter into National Cybersecurity Excellence Partnerships (NCEPs) in furtherance of the NCCoE. For this demonstration project, NCEP partners will not be given priority for participation.

Building Block Objective: The objective of this building block is to demonstrate a proposed approach for improving enterprise patching practices for general IT systems. A detailed description of the Critical Cybersecurity Hygiene: Patching the Enterprise Building Block is available at: https://www.nccoe.nist.gov/sites/default/files/library/project-descriptions/ch-pe-project-description-draft.pdf.

Requirements: Each responding organization’s letter of interest should identify which security platform component(s) or capability(ies) it is