



# National Dialogue on Homeland Security

**Now is your opportunity to help shape our nation's  
homeland security policies and priorities.**

This year, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will conduct the first **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.

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 on 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**

DHS has partnered with the **National Academy of Public Administration** to host three collaborative, online National Homeland Security Dialogue sessions. QHSR study groups will post questions, ideas, or concepts for consideration and comment by our stakeholders.

**Pre-registration begins on July 16, 2009**

**Three sessions will occur on:**

**August 3-9**

**August 31-September 6**

**September 28-October 4**

## **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. DHS will produce a report based on the results of the QHSR for submission to Congress by December 31, 2009. To learn more, go to [www.dhs.gov/qhsr](http://www.dhs.gov/qhsr).

These dialogues will enable key partners from across the nation to weigh in on the homeland security missions, goals, and priorities being proposed by the QHSR study 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 for the final report to Congress and will directly shape our homeland security policies and priorities for the next four years.

**Join the conversation at [www.homelandsecuritydialogue.org](http://www.homelandsecuritydialogue.org)**

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