



**Homeland
Security**

November 10, 2022

Dear Tribal Leaders,

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) would like to consult with you on homeland security-related efforts being developed that are important to you and to the economic security of the United States in Alaska and the Arctic region, including the impacts of climate change.

The consultation will include an update on the Strategic Approach for Arctic Homeland Security and an overview of the Department's most recent thinking on this topic.

To be considerate of the weather and travel limitations, I would like to initiate consultation in this first round virtually and we plan to conduct more in-depth in-person consultations in the spring. Three opportunities are scheduled to participate in the virtual consultation.

1. Virtual Consultation on December 12, 2022

TIME: 1:00pm to 2:30pm ET / 9:00am to 10:30am AKT / 8:00am to 9:30am HAT

ONLINE: Microsoft Teams (link and conference line to be provided at registration)

Register: Please register by December 11, 2022, at

<https://forms.office.com/g/UZ2usKvDTTr>

2. Virtual Consultation on December 13, 2022

TIME: 7:00pm to 8:30pm ET / 3:00pm to 4:30pm AKT / 2:00pm to 3:30pm HAT

ONLINE: Microsoft Teams (link and conference line to be provided at registration)

Register: Please register by December 12, 2022, at

<https://forms.office.com/g/vnwYeSNKnw>

3. Virtual Consultation on December 14, 2022

TIME: 3:00pm to 4:30pm ET / 11:00am to 12:30pm AKT / 10am to 11:30am HAT

ONLINE: Microsoft Teams (link and conference line to be provided at registration)

Register: Please register by December 13, 2022, at

<https://forms.office.com/g/6e0ftEAHZB>

As you may know, DHS conducts a wide range of missions to secure the homeland, from countering terrorist and other threats, managing the border, administering the immigration system, and securing cyber networks and critical infrastructure, to developing resilience and responding to disasters. The purpose of this consultation is to engage with, and solicit input from, Tribal Nations and Alaska Native Corporations on the following topics:

- What are the most significant homeland security challenges you will face over the next four years?

- In what specific ways would you like to see DHS and our Component agencies improve support to your communities?
- What additional impacts do you believe climate change will have on your communities over the next few years?
- Are you aware of existing DHS resources available to your communities? How can the Department of Homeland Security improve its outreach to inform Alaska Native communities about our mission in Alaska and the Arctic?

Written comments for this consultation effort are encouraged and are due no later than 30-days after the issuance of this invitation. Please send all comments via mail to Maranda Kan, Acting Director, Trade and Economic Security, Office of Strategy, Policy and Plans, Department of Homeland Security, Mail Stop 0445, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Washington, DC 20528-0445 or via email to DHSArctic@hq.dhs.gov.

If you have any questions about the consultations, please contact the Acting Director, Maranda Kan at maranda.kan@hq.dhs.gov or (202) 768-4371.

Sincerely,

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