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1. What are the deadlines for action by Homeland Security implied in statute or regulation?
2. Does EAC have to officially indicate willingness to serve as the Sub-Sector Specific Agency, or SSA?
3. Are any of the duties and conditions imposed by SSA status negotiable?
4. Does being an independent commission affect our role if that status is granted?
5. If EAC is designated as the SSA, do we have the option of refusing if the Commissioners don't want the status?
6. What response deadlines would SSA status impose on the designated agency?
7. When and how would we know that the designation was official and irrevocable?
8. Would there be any new reporting requirements imposed on EAC or our stakeholders?
9. How soon would we have to create the Sub-Sector Specific Plan?
10. What are requirements and expectations for the length and coverage of the Plan?
11. How soon would the Sector and Government Coordinating Committees need to be created?
12. If stakeholder groups are involved in the Committees, what is their role?



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1. How willing are EAC's stakeholders to serve on the Sector Coordinating Committee?
2. What are the requirements for stakeholders to serve on the Sector Coordinating Committee, and what guidance is there for running the SCC?
3. If, as suggested by a DHS official, SCC meetings can be run in conjunction with regular stakeholder meetings, how is any extra cost handled?
4. In the event that SCC meetings are added to regular meetings, how soon do we need to adjust our calendar?
5. What communication campaign would be needed to explain the new status and any obligations to our stakeholders?
6. How and when are the stakeholders informed of any decision?
7. Do stakeholders have a say in who their SSA is?
8. Given that some stakeholders are opposed to the status, what would the relationship with them be like if EAC becomes the SSA?
9. Would EAC be expected to develop a Sub-sector R&D plan, as the Education Sub-Sector was?
10. What would our relationship be with GSA in the event of designation?
11. Would we have a designated representative or office to contact at DHS?



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1. Would we have to designate a contact person or section at EAC for this status?
2. How would any cost imposed by the new status be handled?
3. Would there be new funding for this status?
4. What would the relationship be between EAC and the Sector and Government Coordinating Committees?
5. What adjustments to EAC communications and website would be needed for public display, as well as any restricted information channels for stakeholders?
6. If restricted channels of critical infrastructure communications are set up, how is access handled?
7. Who do stakeholders call with CI questions?
8. Would stakeholders have to sign up for some official status to access the benefits of the new designation?
9. Would the Sector Coordinating Committee be organized by state?
10. Would there be an attempt at regional balance on the SCC?
11. Would SCC membership be balanced by level, such as state versus local election officials?
12. In the event access to grants is increased, is technical assistance available from DHS or EAC?

