Department-wide Resources

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Commercialization Office is responsible for the development and implementation of a commercialization process and for the execution of two innovative public-private partnerships that leverage research and development efforts in the private sector that are aligned to detailed operational requirements from Department stakeholders. The Commercialization Office also spearheads DHS Science and Technology's (S&T) outreach efforts that inform the private sector on "How to do business with DHS." See http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/structure/gc_1234194479267.shtm. Contact: SandT_Commercialization@hq.dhs.gov, 1-(202) 254-6749.

Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs) are part of the national Technology Transfer Program, designed to assist Federal laboratories in leveraging taxpayer dollars. As a designated Federal laboratory and a member of the Federal Laboratory Consortium, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) can provide personnel services, facilities, equipment and other resources to support research and development that is beneficial to both FLETC and the CRADA partner. FLETC uses the CRADA program to establish partnerships for research and development in areas with potential to advance the nation's ability to train law enforcement personnel. The CRADA program can be used to identify and evaluate emerging technologies and training methodologies that can be incorporated into law enforcement and security training. See http://www.federallabs.org or contact FLETC-CRADAProgramOffice@dhs.gov, (912) 267-2591.

DHS Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships (CFBNP) builds, sustains, and improves effective partnerships between government sectors and faith-based and community organizations. Located within FEMA, CFBNP is a vital communication link and engagement partner for faith-based and community organizations across the entire Department of Homeland Security. Visit www.dhs.gov/fbci. For more information or to sign up to receive Information Updates, e-mail Infofbci@dhs.gov.

DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP) leads the national effort to mitigate risk to America's critical infrastructure from the full spectrum of 21st Century threats and hazards. IP coordinates with government and critical infrastructure owners and operators across 18 diverse sectors to enhance critical infrastructure resilience, strengthen protective programs, and share vital information. For more information on IP programs and resources visit www.dhs.gov/criticalinfrastructure.

DHS Private Sector Office As primary advisor to the Secretary on issues related to the private sector, including academia, non-profits, NGOs, and businesses, the Private Sector Office coordinates active engagement between DHS and the private sector to build strong partnerships, shape policy, and enhance internal and external dialog. For more information, contact the private sector office at private.sector@dhs.gov, (202) 282-8484.

DHS Private Sector Updates The DHS Private Sector Office sends a weekly update e-mail collecting homeland security news and resources. To subscribe, see https://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=USDHS_99. For more information, contact private.sector@dhs.gov, (202) 282-8484.

DisabilityPreparedness.gov is the Disability Resource Center of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities (ICC). Maintained by the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL), this site is the main repository for information related to the activities of the ICC, including bimonthly updates regarding federal programs and

services relevant to individuals with disabilities and emergency preparedness. The site also contains information to assist individuals with disabilities in personal preparedness planning; provides emergency managers, first responders, and other disaster service providers with resources relevant to working with individuals who have disabilities; and offers tips regarding how individuals with disabilities can get involved in preparedness activities within their communities. This resource can be accessed at www.disabilitypreparedness.gov. For more information, contact Disability.preparedness@dhs.gov, (202) 357-8483.

Electronic Crimes Task Force (ECTF) Program brings together not only Federal, State and local law enforcement, but also prosecutors, private industry and academia. The common purpose is the prevention, detection, mitigation and aggressive investigation of attacks on the nation's financial and critical infrastructures. The U.S. Secret Service's ECTF and Electronic Crimes Working Group initiatives prioritize investigative cases that involve electronic crimes. These initiatives provide necessary support and resources to field investigations that meet any one of the following criteria: significant economic or community impact, participation of organized criminal groups involving multiple districts or transnational organizations, or the use of schemes involving new technology. For more information, see http://www.secretservice.gov/ectf.shtml

eInformation Network The Secret Service eInformation Network is available – for free – to authorized law enforcement officers, financial institution investigators, academic partners, and commercial partners of the Secret Service. The site contains three tools: the eLibrary, a unique collection of resource databases which allows authorized users from throughout the law enforcement community to obtain information on a range of sensitive topics including counterfeit corporate checks, credit card issuing bank information, and recovered skimming devices; an Electronic Crimes Task Force component that serves as an efficient, secure web-based collection of best practices, vulnerability guides, National Infrastructure

Protection Center (NIPC) advisories, and a subject-specific issue library; and the US Dollars Counterfeit Note Search, a site that provides the user with the ability to conduct a search of the Secret Service counterfeit note database. For more information, see www.einformation.usss.gov.

E-Verify and Unfair Labor Practices The DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) staff provides training on the responsibilities imposed upon the private sector when using E-Verify. Training includes best practices, examples of unlawful practices against workers, and preparing an HR Department to use E-Verify. The training assists employer understanding of how to use E-Verify in a responsible manner without violating prohibitions against discrimination. In collaboration with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), CRCL has created two videos, *Understanding E-Verify: Employer Responsibilities* and *Worker Rights* and *Know Your Rights: Employee Rights and* Responsibilities, to ensure employers and employees are knowledgeable about their rights and responsibilities. To view the videos, please visit www.dhs.gov/E-Verify or www.youtube.com/ushomelandsecurity. For more information, contact CRCL at crcltraining@dhs.gov, (202) 357-8258.

Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) is a user-driven, web-based, sensitive but unclassified (SBU) information sharing platform that connects a broad range of homeland security mission partners. One portal of the HSIN enterprise is HSIN-CS, managed by the Office of Infrastructure Protection. DHS has designated HSIN-CS to be its primary information-sharing platform between Critical Infrastructure Key Resource sector stakeholders. HSIN-CS enables DHS and critical infrastructure owners and operators to communicate, coordinate, and share sensitive and sector-relevant information to protect their critical assets, systems, functions and networks, at no charge to sector stakeholders. Vetted critical infrastructure private sector owners and operators are eligible to access HSIN-CS. To request access to HSIN-CS, please e-mail CIKRISEAccess@hq.dhs.gov. When requesting access, please indicate the critical infrastructure sector to which your company belongs and include your name, company, official e-mail address, and supervisor's name and phone number. For more information, see www.dhs.gov/hsin or contact hsin.helpdesk@dhs.gov, (866) 430-0162.

Intelligence and Analysis Private Sector Partnership Program The Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) strives to synchronize information sharing of timely, accurate, and actionable intelligence information with the private sector across the spectrum of business and security operations with respect to protecting privacy and civil rights and civil liberties. I&A provides private sector businesses, groups, and trade associations with tailored threat briefings to meet their security information needs. Additionally, the office creates intelligence products that are posted on the Homeland Security Information Network-Critical Sectors (HSIN-CS) portal for use by vetted critical infrastructure owners and operators. For more information, see www.dhs.gov/hsin. To request access to HSIN-CS, e-mail CIKRISEAccess@hq.dhs.gov. When requesting access, please indicate the critical infrastructure sector to which your company belongs and include your name, company, official e-mail address, and supervisor's name and phone number. For more information, contact I&APrivateSectorCoordinator@hq.dhs.gov or call (202) 447-3517 or (202) 870-6087.

Lessons Learned and Information Sharing (LLIS.gov), a US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency program, is the national online network of lessons learned, best practices, and innovative ideas for the emergency response and homeland security communities. This information and collaboration resource helps emergency response providers and homeland security officials prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other emergencies. To register for LLIS, please visit www.llis.gov, contact the program via e-mail feedback@llis.dhs.gov, or call (866) 276-7001.

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) serves as the focal point for small business acquisition matters and works closely with all DHS components to implement the program. OSDBU makes available forecasts of contract opportunities, vendor outreach sessions, a list of component small business specialists, DHS prime contractors, and information about the DHS mentor-protégé program. See http://www.dhs.gov/openforbusiness or contact OSDBU, (202) 447-5555.

DHS Open Source Enterprise Daily Intelligence Reports provide open source information on several topics of interest. The following are currently available open source reports: **The DHS Daily Digest Report, The DHS Daily Cyber Report, The DHS Daily Infectious Diseases Report, The DHS Daily Human Trafficking and Smuggling Report, The DHS Daily Drug Trafficking and Smuggling Report,** and **The Daily Illicit Commercial Trafficking and Smuggling Report**. These reports may be accessed on the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) or private sector partners may request that they be added to distribution by e-mailing OSINTBranchMailbox@hq.dhs.gov with subject line reading "Request DHS Daily [name] Report".

The Voluntary Private Sector Preparedness Accreditation and Certification Program (PS-Prep) The purpose of PS-Prep is to enhance nationwide resilience in an all-hazards environment by encouraging private sector preparedness. The program will provide a mechanism by which a private sector entity-a company, facility, not-for-profit corporation, hospital, stadium, university, etc.-can certify that it conforms to one or more preparedness standards adopted by DHS. Participation in the PS-Prep program is completely voluntary. No private sector entity will be required by DHS to comply with any standard adopted under the program. However, DHS encourages all private sector entities to seriously consider seeking certification on one or more standards that will be adopted by DHS. For details about PS Prep see www.fema.gov/privatesector/preparedness.

The National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) Program is a Federal, State, local and Tribal interagency initiative providing a national approach and common vocabulary for information exchange. NIEM has a robust training curriculum that is accessible both in classroom and on-line. The primary audience for the NIEM Training Program is Executives, Project and Program Managers, Architects and Technical Implementers within Federal, State, local, Tribal and Private Entities. Additional information on the training courses and NIEM can be obtained by visiting www.NIEM.gov or e-mailing NIEMPMO@NIEM.gov.

Ready Business The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Advertising Council launched the *Ready Business* Campaign in September 2004. This extension of the successful *Ready* Campaign, *Ready Business* helps owners and managers of small- and medium-sized businesses prepare their employees, operations and assets in the event of an emergency. For free tools and resources, including how to create a business emergency plan, please visit www.ready.gov.

Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (DHS TRIP) provides a single point of contact for individuals who have inquiries or seek resolution regarding difficulties they experienced during their travel screening at airports, train stations, or crossing U.S. borders. To initiate an inquiry, please log onto DHS TRIP's interactive Web site www.dhs.gov/trip. For more information, contact the TSA Contact Center, (866) 289-9673.