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Background

In today's dynamic and ever-evolving threat environment, it is not only important for both the public and private sector to maintain situational awareness, but also to actively coordinate and collaborate. It is only by building partnerships and proactively sharing information that we can grow our knowledge base and protect our great Nation – as well as the companies within it.

The Public-Private Analytic Exchange Program (AEP), sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis, on behalf of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, facilitates collaborative partnerships between members of the private sector and government analysts to form several topic teams. This annual program provides government analysts and private sector partners with a better understanding of select national and homeland security issues.

About the Program

The AEP enables government analysts and private sector partners to gain a greater understanding of how their disparate, yet complementary, roles can work in tandem to ensure mission success. Participants work to create joint analytic products of interest to both the private sector and government. It focuses on topic areas such as:

- Evolving Domestic Threats to Data Center Infrastructure
- Quantum Technology for Homeland Security
- Security Implications of Large-Scale Displacement
- Strategies to Track and Address Precursor Chemicals in Illicit Drug Manufacturing
- The Dangers of Unmanned Aircraft Systems
- The Role of Cyber Attacks in Modern Conflicts

Continuing Teams

- 5G Impacts on Smart Cars and Highway Infrastructure Modernization
- Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Criminal and Illicit Activities
- Impact of AI on 'Traditional' Human Analysis
- Preventing Violent Extremism Tool Kit
- US-China Competition: Tools of Power and Impacts
- US Maritime Trade and Port Cybersecurity



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What the Program Can Do for You

For government and private sector analysts, AEP increases depth of expertise, provides new insights and perspectives, and offers a greater appreciation of open-source information and analytic outreach. Private sector partners benefit from an increased understanding of the analytic process, how to engage with US government analysts, and what analysis means to them.

Program Expectations

- **Time Commitment:** Everyone should expect to spend three to seven hours a week supporting the program over a six-month period, with the time commitment increasing as the program progresses. Participants are required to attend the AEP Kick-Off meeting in January or February and Concluding Summit in August or September. Teams may also take an optional research trip.
- **Collaboration:** Each team will have flexibility in determining how they engage but are expected to confer frequently to discuss current events, trends, threats, and questions related to their topic and share relevant articles, publications, websites, and other intellectual capital related to their topic. Most teams collaborate weekly via phone and email.
- **Outcome:** Participants will document their research and produce an analytic deliverable. In prior years, teams have also developed supplemental websites, infographics, or brochures. Program deliverables will be distributed widely across the public and private sector. Prior year deliverables have also been presented to the IC or other government agencies and at industry or professional association meetings.



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