



### Why This Matters

Public Law 106-531, Reports Consolidation Act of 2000, requires the Office of Inspector General, to update our assessment of DHS' major management challenges annually.

# Major Management Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security

## What We Determined

The department continues to move beyond operating as an organization in transition to a department diligently working to protect our borders and critical infrastructure, preventing dangerous people and goods from entering our country, and recovering from natural disasters effectively. However, while much progress has been done, the department still has much to do to establish a cohesive, efficient, and effective organization.

As in previous years, the Department's major challenges are reported in broad areas. For better understanding of how these areas relate to the overall operations of the organization, they have been categorized into two main themes: Mission Areas and Accountability Issues.

### Mission Areas

- Intelligence
- Transportation Security
- Border Security
- Infrastructure Protection
- Disaster Preparedness and Response

### Accountability Issues

- Acquisition Management
- Financial Management
- IT Management
- Grants Management
- Employee Accountability and Integrity
- Cyber Security

The report summarizes the results of several GAO and OIG reports and also highlights the actions of the Department to improve its management processes and tools.

The Department concurs with the OIG's assessment that they have made progress in coalescing into an effective organization, as well as addressing its key mission areas to secure our nation's borders, increase our readiness and resiliency in the face of a terrorist threat or a natural disaster, and implement increased levels of security in our transportation systems and trade operations.

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