

Letter from Assistant Secretary Douglas A. Smith



Homeland Security

August 8, 2011

Dear Private Sector Partner,

I am pleased to release the Private Sector Resources Catalog 3.0. Developed to facilitate your organization's access to all DHS resources, the Catalog has undergone a second update, and is now reorganized to match the five mission areas of the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR): Preventing Terrorism and Enhancing Security, Securing and Managing Our Borders, Enforcing and Administering Our Immigration Laws, Safeguarding and Securing Cyberspace, and Ensuring Resilience to Disasters. This reorganization allows you to quickly find the resources you need. Moreover, all the resources in the Catalog will soon be posted online and fully searchable by any internet search engine. Moving forward, we will update the Private Sector Resources Catalog semi-annually, ensuring that we continue to provide you, our private sector stakeholders, the most up-to-date information and expertise from DHS.

The private sector is a critical partner in our homeland security efforts and my office is committed to strengthening the Department's relationship with organizations such as yours. 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.

In order to address the new threats and evolving hazards of today's security environment, we must develop and maintain critical homeland security capabilities at all layers of our society. We share the responsibility to build all-hazards preparedness and resiliency into our way of life. As outlined in the QHSR, this enterprise approach is composed of multiple partners whose roles and responsibilities are distributed and shared among a broad-based community with a common interest in the public safety and well-being of America and American society.

The Private Sector Office is committed to providing you with the assistance and support you require. You can contact my office any time with requests, comments, questions, issues or concerns at private.sector@dhs.gov, (202) 282-8484.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas A. Smith". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Douglas A. Smith
Assistant Secretary for the Private Sector