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## **BIOSECURITY: ARE WE READY FOR THE DAY BEFORE TOMORROW?**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. December 10** – The Homeland Security & Defense Business Council today released its fourth monograph in its 9/10/11 Project, focusing on our nation’s efforts to deter biological threats.

“We’ve come a long way since 9/11 in confronting aviation security, cyber security, emergency preparedness, but it is important to recognize that only a few days after 9/11 our nation was confronted with a major anthrax scare, and we have collectively not focused enough over the past decade on bio-hazards or bioterrorism,” said Marc Pearl, Council President & CEO. “The opportunity for new and emerging disease threats to be deliberately introduced into susceptible populations, where it can rapidly spread to infect people, animals, and agriculture, necessitates heightened vigilance, leadership, and responsibility from governments and the private sector.”

On the 10th of each month through September 2011, the Council will release a monograph that will provide a brief history of our security efforts on a specific topic, as well as an assessment of the future of that topic. Each monograph will include a running timeline (interactive on our website) illustrating the events, incidents, and critical government responses pertinent to that month’s topic. Industry leaders will be made available for additional interviews. For more information on the project, visit <http://www.homelandcouncil.org/91011-project.html>.

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### ***About the Council***

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