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INFORMATION SHARING: ARE WE READY FOR THE DAY BEFORE TOMORROW?

How do the Right People Get the Right Information at the Right Time?

WASHINGTON, D.C. November 10 – The Homeland Security & Defense Business Council today released its third monograph in its 9/10/11 Project, focusing on our nation’s information sharing mechanisms.

As a country with a strong foundation of freedom of speech, an open media and the free-flow of information, our lack of information sharing in advance of 9/11 surprised and shocked many Americans. As the events of that day unfolded, and the subsequent investigations into the why’s and how’s revealed our weaknesses, we quickly learned that our information sharing systems were not where they needed to be.

“In response to our ever-growing need to share information quickly and securely, industry has responded by advancing the technologies that allow our nation’s intelligence agencies and law enforcement officers to share the critical information needed to prevent and respond to our next catastrophe,” said Marc Pearl, Council President & CEO. “The November monograph examines our evolution and advancement in information sharing and how we have arrived at a point where foreign countries have the mechanisms necessary to share terrorist threats with us to even thwart attacks on cargo flights.”

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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