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Homeland Security & Defense Business Council Releases Final Monograph in Yearlong Series

WASHINGTON - The Homeland Security and Defense Business Council today released its 14th and final monograph as part of its “9/10/11 Project,” focusing on successful Public-Private Partnerships that have served to help prepare our nation over the past decade.

The job of securing our homeland is an extensive and daunting mission that cannot be accomplished by government alone. It requires that we collectively become a resilient nation, with the capabilities needed to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against all threats. The monograph highlights the work of homeland security solution providers who support the government and its missions by developing the technologies, products and services that keep America safe.

“Homeland security is and must be a shared, multi-tiered mission for local, state and federal government in coordination with the general public and businesses, non-profit organizations, the critical infrastructure sectors, and, most certainly, those companies that provide the technology, products and services solutions” said Marc Pearl, Council President & CEO. “Members of the Council work every day alongside our public-sector colleagues, creating effective partnerships and addressing our country’s most challenging safety and security problems. As we build on the foundation of the last 10 years and look forward to the next decade, the scope and complexity of the homeland security mission will continue to evolve, and we must continue to leverage the expertise and resources of governments, business and the public to achieve success in our mission.”

The Council will also today host a *National Conversation on Homeland Security Looking Forward*, in coordination with the Homeland Security Policy Institute, featuring a discussion with Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, and her predecessors Tom Ridge and Michael Chertoff. The conversation, moderated by Admiral Thad Allen, former Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, will focus on the challenges facing homeland security, the continuously changing threat environment, and the role of the private sector over the next decade. A webcast of the event will be available beginning at 5PM EDT at www.homelandcouncil.org.

On the 10th of each month since September 2010, the Council has released specific-topic monographs that have provided a brief history of our nation’s efforts on each homeland security issue; how far we have come since 9/11; and how industry solution providers and the government have worked together to address that topic. The first 13 monographs included a running timeline (interactive on the Council’s website) illustrating the events, incidents, and critical government responses pertinent to that month’s topic.

To view this month’s monograph visit: <http://www.homelandcouncil.org/the-91111-project-public-private-partnerships.html>
For more information on the project visit: <http://www.homelandcouncil.org/91011-project.html>

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About the Council

The Homeland Security & Defense Business Council is a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization of the leading companies that bring homeland security solutions to the marketplace. The Council works to ensure that the perspective, innovation, expertise and capabilities of the private sector are recognized, respected and integrated with the public sector. For more information, please visit: www.homelandcouncil.org.