



National Infrastructure Protection Plan

Commercial Facilities Sector

Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (HSPD-7) identified 17 critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR) sectors and designated Federal Government Sector-Specific Agencies (SSAs) for each of the sectors. Each sector is responsible for developing and implementing a Sector-Specific Plan and providing sector-level performance feedback to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to enable assessment of national cross-sector CIKR protection program gaps. SSAs are responsible for collaborating with private sector security partners and encouraging the development of appropriate information-sharing and analysis mechanisms within the sector.

Sector Overview

Facilities associated with the Commercial Facilities Sector operate on the principle of open public access, meaning that the general public can move freely throughout these facilities without the deterrent of highly visible security barriers. The majority of the facilities in this sector are privately owned and operated, with minimal interaction with the Federal Government and other regulatory entities. The Commercial Facilities Sector consists of the following eight subsectors:

1. Public Assembly (e.g., arenas, stadiums, aquariums, zoos, museums, convention centers);
2. Sports Leagues (e.g., professional sports leagues and federations);
3. Resorts (e.g., casinos);
4. Lodging (e.g., hotels, motels, conference centers);
5. Outdoor Events (e.g., theme and amusement parks, fairs, campgrounds, parades);

6. Entertainment and Media (e.g., motion picture studios, broadcast media);
7. Real Estate (e.g., office and apartment buildings, condominiums, mixed use facilities, self-storage); and
8. Retail (e.g., retail centers and districts, shopping malls).

Sector Partnerships

DHS is the designated SSA for the Commercial Facilities Sector and has partnered with representatives from each of the eight subsectors to form the Commercial Facilities Sector Coordinating Council (CF SCC). The CF SCC is designed to serve as the chief interface between private sector owners and operators, DHS, and other Federal agencies. The Commercial Facilities Government Coordinating Council (CF GCC) was created to foster inter- and intra-agency coordination on homeland security issues, to provide a single point of entry for private infrastructure security partners into the Federal Government, and to provide national coordination of commercial facility strategies and activities.

CIKR Protection Issues

The day-to-day protection of commercial facilities is the responsibility of the owners and operators, in close cooperation with local law enforcement. The Federal Government's responsibility for the protection of commercial facilities is indirect; activities include providing timely threat indications and warnings, and working with organizations to develop standards and guidance for facility construction, operations, and security. Given the national-level visibility and potential human and economic consequences of prominent commercial facilities, it is important for the Federal Government and the Commercial Facilities Sector to work together to ensure the protection of our Nation's prominent business centers and gathering places.

Priority Programs

DHS oversees the implementation and execution of protective measures programs across the Commercial Facilities Sector. Some of the programs currently underway include:

- **Site Assistance Visits (SAVs).** SAVs are conducted by DHS, subject matter experts, and local law enforcement to assist facility owners/operators in assessing and characterizing vulnerabilities at their critical infrastructure sites. At the conclusion of an SAV, DHS briefs the owner/operator on identified vulnerabilities and provides a list of options for consideration.
- **Vulnerability Identification Self-Assessment Tool (ViSAT).** In 2005, DHS launched a series of online ViSAT modules for facility managers to raise the level of security at convention centers, arenas, stadiums, race tracks and performing arts centers. These modules are currently being updated, and DHS will develop an additional module for shopping centers in 2008-09.
- **Surveillance Detection Training for Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource Operators and Security Staff.** This course is designed to provide a guideline for mitigating risks to critical infrastructure. Topics include Facility Vulnerability Analysis, Determining the Red Zone and Hostile Surveillance Positions, Determining Surveillance Detection Positions, and Observation and Reporting During Practical Exercises.
- **Protective Security Advisor (PSA) Program.** PSAs are critical infrastructure protection and vulnerability assessment specialists with a wealth of anti-terrorism and security experience. They work in communities nationwide to assist local efforts to protect critical assets and provide a local perspective to the national risk picture, as well as facilitate the execution of DHS protective programs.

- **Bomb-making Materials Awareness Program (BMAP).** BMAP was developed by DHS to assist commercial retailers, commercial service providers, and chemical distributors/wholesalers in identifying suspicious purchases of materials used in home-made explosive (HME) or improvised explosive device (IED) manufacturing.
- **Protective Measures Guide for U.S. Sports Leagues.** DHS collaborated with six national sports leagues and public venue experts to develop a guide that discusses the potential threats, terrorist objectives, threat streams and effective protective measures specific to sporting facilities and events. This guide is available to participating entities and is the first in a series that will span the entire Commercial Facilities Sector.
- **Mass Evacuation Planning Guide and Template.** DHS and NASCAR collaborated to develop the NASCAR Mass Evacuation Planning Guide for Major Events. The guide is intended to assist owners and operators at all NASCAR facilities in developing emergency evacuation/relocation plans to assess risk, reduce vulnerabilities, and increase the level of preparedness. It is the first in a series of guides that will span the entire Commercial Facilities Sector.

In addition to the protective measures being performed and developed by Federal, State, and local government, members of the Commercial Facilities Sector are undertaking initiatives of their own to develop and implement numerous protective and responsive measures.



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