Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program
Toolkit

OVERVIEW

The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Toolkit is an integrated system of design, development, evaluation, and improvement planning tools. Together, these tools provide a seamless collaborative environment for planners at both the exercise program and project management levels. The HSEEP Toolkit suite of applications includes the National Exercise Schedule (NEXS) System, Design and Development System (DDS), HSEEP Volume IV Library, and the Corrective Action Program (CAP) System.

COMPONENTS OF THE HSEEP TOOLKIT

The **NEXS System** is the Nation's online comprehensive tool that facilitates scheduling, de-confliction, and synchronization of all national-level, Federal, State, and local exercises. NEXS provides basic information on each planned exercise including the exercise name, location, date, major participants, and points-of-contact. NEXS also serves as a management tool and reference document for exercise planning and enables visibility of exercises to planners and leadership.

The **DDS** is a project management tool and comprehensive tutorial for the design, development, conduct, and evaluation of exercises. The DDS provides users with the appropriate templates and guidance for developing master task lists, timelines, planning teams, and exercise documentation.

The **HSEEP Volume IV Library** allows users to search and sort sample documents, templates, and multimedia files in a more efficient manner. Individuals are able to view, download, and upload exercise planning and management documents. It has advanced search features and an intuitive table of contents navigation capability for easier document access.

The **CAP System** is a web-based application that allows Federal, State, and local emergency response and homeland security officials to track, implement, and resolve corrective actions resulting from exercises, policy discussions, and real world events. The CAP System is part of a larger effort to systematically translate outputs—including findings, identified problems, recommendations, lessons learned, and best practices—into meaningful inputs for homeland security plans, programs, and budgets.

TOOLKIT OBJECTIVES

- Reduce dependency on direct exercise support
- Facilitate development and coordination of multiple, simultaneous exercises
- Provide consistent exercise guidance, templates, and example documentation
- Identify and close gaps in preparedness capabilities

TOOLKIT ACCESS

Access to most of the tools within the HSEEP Toolkit is by invitation only. To request access, please send an email to support@hseep.net.