



# Homeland Security

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Dear Homeland Security Stakeholders and Partners:

I am writing to formally invite your organization to participate in the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) second Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR).

The first QHSR laid a strategic foundation for the definition of homeland security, and articulated the five homeland security missions: preventing terrorism and enhancing security, securing and managing our borders, enforcing and administering our immigration laws, strengthening the Nation's cybersecurity, and fostering national resilience. We've used this review as a guidepost for the last four years, and it has led to significant initiatives across the Department. Building on this foundation, the second QHSR will preserve the existing vision statement and the five homeland security missions, and focus on how DHS, together with partners across the homeland security enterprise, will build smarter, more efficient, risk-based approaches to homeland security.

The concerted effort of federal departments and agencies; state, local, tribal, and territorial governments; non-governmental organizations; the private sector; communities and the public are essential to ensuring a safe, secure, and resilient homeland. Just as I viewed the first QHSR as an opportunity for unprecedented collaboration and partnership across the homeland security enterprise, I see this QHSR as an opportunity to strengthen those relationships, and work together to continue to build a more secure and resilient nation. We rely on engagement with organizations like yours to ensure the best possible review process and conclusions.

The DHS Science and Technology Directorate's First Responder Communities of Practice website will be the central focus of stakeholder engagement throughout the second QHSR. I encourage you to participate, and promote the participation of the key leadership and membership of your organization, by registering at <https://communities.firstresponder.gov>, and joining the QHSR Community of Practice. Registration will enable your organization to participate in our ongoing discussions on a variety of topics from our study group deliberations.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the Department's second Quadrennial Homeland Security Review. I look forward to hearing from you on our QHSR discussion boards. If you have any questions, please direct them to [QHSR@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:QHSR@hq.dhs.gov).

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano".

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