

Interagency Council for Applied Homeland Security Technology

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Interagency Council for Applied Homeland Security Technology (ICAHST)

DESCRIPTION

The Interagency Council for Applied Homeland Security Technology (ICAHST) consists of US Government sponsors of homeland security and counterterrorism information technology research from the Department of Homeland Security, the Defense Department, the Intelligence Community, various Law Enforcement Agencies, and Federal Civil Agencies. The ICAHST provides its membership with a government-wide forum to discuss critical homeland security and counterterrorism issues related to information technology, convey the technology research and development needs of their respective communities, and describe current research and development initiatives, pilot experiments and proposed courses of action for future research investments. By participating in the ICAHST, coalition sponsors obtain and share valuable information that will help focus their homeland security research programs, identify potential interagency collaboration opportunities, identify high-leverage, high-value research targets of opportunity, and minimize duplication of research. The ICAHST will be a collective effort for the mutual benefit and collaboration of the participating organizations and is intended to promote intelligent homeland security and counterterrorism research investments. While it is understood that each participating agency will have its own research priorities, it is anticipated that the ICAHST will be able to identify high priority areas of research to develop a common, shared appreciation of the important and challenging homeland security and counterterrorism problems of the day.