

Leadership Disconnects? Not If We Can Help It

Do we have enough leadership to tackle the homeland security challenge? Definitely! The events of Sept. 11, 2001, and since have elevated the security job in government and industry from mostly functional management to the Cabinet level and into the corporate boardroom.

Because of this new and intense leadership focus on protecting human, physical and financial assets, we have our most capable senior officials and executives on the case, which should be quite a comfort to the public. Leadership involvement also has been central to bridging some communications gaps and aligning goals across new lines of authority and responsibility.

We have made progress in mitigating security vulnerabilities, but many pundits are starting to feel an undertow toward pre-Sept. 11 "business as usual," especially in the private sector. In addition, the challenge of coordinating efforts among the various levels of government and with the private sector remains.

No doubt, such challenges are to be expected in this vast new community that has emerged in only 18 months. After all, while public-private cooperation is the call to action in most every speech and column (like this one), actually putting the two communities together is easier said than done.

Clearly, the process of aligning ideas and actions across so many disciplines requires all of us to communicate outside of our established circles. Our editorial team at *Homeland Security* has committed to be an active facilitator of this collaboration.

Our editors are creating a forum for leaders and innovators from diverse backgrounds and industries to learn, share best practices, interact and step up to the next level of integrating ideas, resources and actions to protect the homeland. The reader profile cuts sharply across established industry sectors, government organizations and technology categories, creating an enormous opportunity to carry this critical process forward with you.

We also are preparing for our fourth annual McGraw-Hill Homeland Security Summit, which will be held June 2-4 at the new convention center in Washington, D.C. There, you will have the opportunity to meet and work with your peers face-to-face. And a recently launched Web portal brings even more interactivity and access, including the McGraw-Hill *Homeland Security Directory* and our established weekly news source, *Homeland Security & Defense* newsletter.

We welcome your active involvement as we work to foster leadership communication and alignment. Use the e-mail addresses on this page to connect with our team, and visit www.mcgraw-hillhomelandsecurity.com to find the tools you need to succeed. ■



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