



Homeland Security

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You are invited to a regional homeland security science and technology summit.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) and the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) invite you to join us for a **Homeland Security Science and Technology Summit (South Central Region)** at **Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico on February 9-10, 2010**. Reflecting the most prominent homeland security concerns of this region, the program will emphasize border security and natural disasters.

As we know, collaboration and partnership helps increase our overall resilience. This Summit aims to increase regional science and technology awareness and collaboration among DHS, the Department of Energy national laboratories, and homeland security leaders and officials in the south central states (FEMA Region VI). The Summit will spotlight the homeland security capabilities offered by the two laboratories in this region, and will feature programs and tours at both facilities.

We are inviting homeland security and emergency management officials from all five states in FEMA Region VI (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas) including the adjutants general, state homeland security advisors, emergency management directors, public health directors, tribal officials, top law enforcement officials and other leaders of local first responder communities, plus representatives of our federal partners. Sandia and Los Alamos have agreed to be our on-site hosts. Other major S&T partners in the region may also participate.

Please register and find information about lodging and meals at:

<https://www.enstg.com/signup/passthru.cfm?ConferenceCode=HOM46094>.

If you have trouble with web access you may also register by contacting logistics coordinator Mr. Ron Bilbrey at (202) 254-6858 or (ron.bilbrey@associates.dhs.gov). A block of hotel rooms is being held in Santa Fe (midway between the two labs) until January 8, 2010. For more information, please contact summit planner Ms. Mary Hanson at (202) 254-5866 or (mary.hanson@dhs.gov).

We hope to see you in February.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tara O'Toole in black ink.

Tara O'Toole, M.D., M.P.H.
Under Secretary for
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