
Turning Ideas into Practice: How to Access Homeland Security R&D from Public Institutions

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Background

- **President Bush signed the Homeland Security Act of 2002 on 11/25/02**
- **As a result the Department of Homeland Security was established and is responsible for identifying, acquiring and implementing security solutions**
- **Lots of money has been “ear-marked” for these efforts**
- **Lots of interest from the public and private sector**



Basic Questions

- 1. What are the needs of various homeland security agencies?**
- 2. Which government agencies develop technologies for homeland security applications?**
- 3. How do I get in touch with them?**
- 4. What next?**
- 5. What should I be prepared for?**

Identifying Homeland Security Needs

- Go to: <http://www.dhs.gov/>
- Click on “Doing Business with DHS”
- List of Critical Agencies and Current RFP’s
- Department of Homeland Security's latest business opportunities are also listed on the Federal Business Opportunities web site <http://www1.eps.gov/spg/dhs.html>



Critical Agencies

- **Customs and Border Protection**
- **U.S. Secret Service**
- **U.S. Coast Guard Office of Procurement Management**
- **U.S. Coast Guard Air Craft Repair & Supply Center**
- **U.S. Coast Guard Engineering Logistics Center**
- **U.S. Coast Guard Maintenance & Logistics Command Pacific**
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency**
- **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**
- **Transportation Security Administration**
- **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (formerly Dept. of Justice)**



Who develops the technology?

- **We do!**
- **And so does**
 - **NIH**
 - **DoD**
 - **NASA**
 - **and many other national laboratories...**
- **National Laboratories have played a behind-the-scenes role in national security for over 40 years**
- **Laboratories have demonstrated expertise in nuclear, biological and chemical agents**



How To I Find the Technology?

- **Federal Laboratory Consortium**
 - Puts a potential partner in contact with a federal laboratory with expertise or capability in area of interest.
 - Arrangements for the technical exchange are between the user and the laboratory.
 - The network does best when the user makes the request as specific as possible.
 - Publishes directories that focus on special needs.
 - www.flc.org



One Example: Department of Energy Labs

- **Develop and deliver technologies for infrastructure security including chemical, biological, and nuclear nonproliferation.**
- **The DOE has about a dozen national laboratories responsible for energy, national security and environmental missions.**



Department of Energy Labs

- [Argonne National Laboratory](http://www.anl.gov/) (Argonne) in Illinois- <http://www.anl.gov/>
- [Brookhaven National Laboratory](http://www.bnl.gov/world/) (Brookhaven) in New York - <http://www.bnl.gov/world/>
- **Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) in Idaho - <http://www.inel.gov/>**
- [Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory](http://www.lbl.gov/) in California - <http://www.lbl.gov/>
- [Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory](http://www.llnl.gov/) in California - <http://www.llnl.gov/>
- [Los Alamos National Laboratory](http://www.lanl.gov/worldview/) (LANL) in New Mexico - <http://www.lanl.gov/worldview/>
- [Oak Ridge National Laboratory](http://www.ornl.gov/) (ORNL) in Tennessee - <http://www.ornl.gov/>
- [Pacific Northwest National Laboratory](http://www.pnl.gov/) (PNNL) in Washington - <http://www.pnl.gov/>
- [Sandia National Laboratories](http://www.sandia.gov/) (Sandia) in New Mexico - <http://www.sandia.gov/>



How To Find the Technology Part 2

- **Effectively searching our websites take practice**
- **Common terms to look for**
 - **Working with industry**
 - **Licensable technologies**
 - **Publications**
 - **Science & Technology**
 - **Homeland Security
Center/Department/Division**



What Next?

- **The number one way to initiate a collaboration or learn more about the technology is to talk to the inventor.**
- **Your second choice should be the institution's Technology Transfer Organization.**
- **Lastly, identify the institution's point-of-contact for Homeland Security Technologies.**

What Next – Part 2

- **Each agency will have a different process and different mechanisms for “tech transfer”**
- **Make sure you engage someone from the technology transfer office to help you navigate the system**



What Should I Be Prepared For?

Current Challenges

- **Labs and their industry partners are faced with translating sophisticated technologies into products that can be readily deployed and supported in the field.**
- **Money is another challenge as the labs vie for R&D funding.**
- **The sheer number of technologies to consider.**
- **Thus far, no single federal entity coordinates or evaluates the labs' creative output.**
- **Government sources indicate that discussions to improve coordination are under way, but in the meantime, no formal connection exists between the Office of Homeland Security and the labs' activities.**



In Summary What Really Works...

- **Homework**
- **Networking**
- **Relationships**
- **Patience**
- **Persistence**