



# Surety Sector Overview

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# Surety Sector Definition

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- A collection of Company-Owned, Company-Operated (COCO) laboratory facilities working with live chemical warfare agents
- Companies maintain certification through Bailment Agreements with U.S. Army RDECOM Acquisition Center



# Current Surety Laboratories

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- Battelle Memorial Institute
- CUBRC, Inc.
- Midwest Research Institute (MRI)
- Southwest Research Institute (SwRI)



# Requirements for COCO Labs

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- Compliance inspections are performed by the following agencies to ensure all laboratory operations are conducted in a safe and secure manner
  - U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center
  - U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC)
  - Department of Army Inspector General (DAIG)



# What Do We Do?

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- Research, Development, Test & Evaluation
  - New technologies, developmental prototypes, fully-fielded systems (detection; personal and collective protection; decontamination; medical countermeasures)
  - Analytical method development/validation; environmental / field sample analysis
- Systems integration; prototype development
- Laboratory support to chemical demilitarization programs



# Typical Customer Base

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- Department of Defense Agencies
- Intelligence Agencies
- Other Government Agencies
- Non-Government Customers
  - Large Prime Contractors
  - Commercial Companies
  - Small Businesses (SBIR)
  - Academic Institutions (STTR)



# Sector Objectives

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- Maintain state-of-the-art infrastructure, equipment, instrumentation, staffing and expertise to provide the Chem-Bio community with:
  - Independent analysis, assessment, and/or validation of technologies
  - Relevant RDT&E subject matter expertise
  - Exceptional technical services and laboratory support in all areas of CB Defense