



# Surety Sector Report

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# Surety Laboratories (COCOs)

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- Battelle Memorial Institute
- Midwest Research Institute
- CUBRC
- Southwest Research Institute



# Surety Laboratory Support

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- R&D on new CBRN concepts
- Support to government programs (DoD, DHS, EPA, national security customers)
  - Detection, monitoring, identification, signature
  - Decontamination, demilitarization
  - Personnel and collective protection
  - Medical defense



# Surety Laboratory Operations

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- Laboratories operating effectively – few issues
- Inspections still major burden but appear to be better coordinated between ECBC, AMC and IG
  - Focus is on emergency response from medical and security perspectives
  - Much more authority to the Competent Medical Authority



# Non-Federal Support

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- Surety laboratories raised issue with Mr. Reed at December 2006 meeting
  - Need to support industry
- Worked with congressional staff
- 2008 Defense Authorization Conference Report Title
  - X Subtitle D – Misc. Authorities and limitations
  - Sec 1034 - Support for non-federal development and testing of material for chemical agent defense



# Non-Federal Support

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- Makes chemical agent available to states, local governments and private entities for development and testing
  - Must comply with the Chemical Weapons Convention
  - For defensive purposes only
  - Must pay in advance for actual costs of supplying chemical agents and precursors



# Non-Federal Support

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- Surety Labs will now be able to support company sponsored R&D and product performance demonstrations
- No procedures yet announced
- Secretary must report on each use of the authority to Congress once a year
  - Description of material
  - Description of use
  - To whom it was made available



# Clearances

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- Interim secret clearances are much faster (2 – 3 days)
- TS still minimum of 18 – 24 months
- TS reviews up to 3 years
- PRP clearances still 6 months



# VA Beach Format

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- Liked location



# Interest in Demos

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- One lab interested in possibly having demo