Chemical Biological Defense Acquisition Initiatives Forum (CBDAIF)

SURETY SECTOR REPORT

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Companies in Sector

• Seven Sector Members
  – MRI Global (Chem and Bio Surety)
  – Battelle (Chem and Bio Surety)
  – CUBRC (Chem and Bio Surety)
  – SwRI (Chem Surety)
  – SRC (Bio Surety)
  – IITRI (Bio Surety)
  – MIT (Bio Surety)

• All support DoD, other Gov’t organizations, and industry in their pursuit of CB Defense
Surety Sector Health

• Current Health
  – Surety Sector capability to support DoD and others remains relatively strong; industry should be tapped more to keep acquisition and other programs moving forward positively and keep the industrial base strong

• Future Health
  – Surety Sector capabilities remain threatened due to lack of future business opportunities and general uncertainty about the future
Major Sector Concerns

- We are not given fair opportunity to compete
  - Gov’t tries to keep T&E within the Gov’t labs
    - DOD Instruction 5000.2 which states that PMs must take full advantage of DoD ranges, labs, etc., is often cited; that same Instruction allows use of Commercial sources
    - Cost/benefit analysis, which generally would favor using commercial sources for T&E, is often not performed
  - Competitive bids from industry often not considered
    - This approach is contrary to laws/regulations that require the Gov’t to use commercial sources for products and services whenever possible (e.g., the FAIR Act, OMB Circular A-76)
  - Gov’t PMs most often directed to commercial sources only if Gov’t labs cannot accommodate
Major Sector Concerns

- Gov’t continues to invest in Gov’t facilities (e.g., new infrastructure, laboratories, and capabilities) even though many of the required capabilities exist in industry and an over-capacity situation already exists
  - Many new capabilities being developed in Gov’t facilities could be developed (and validated, etc.) at significantly lower cost/schedule/performance risk if developed by commercial labs
  - Capabilities may exist within industry but we’re not always included in Gov’t capability queries
  - Recommendation: Endorse utilization of the TECA database developed by PD CCAT&TI
Other Sector Issues

• Bailment Agreements transitioning to Provisioning Agreements
  – Transition expected to occur this CY
  – No expected additional costs
• Likelihood that new requirements for IT security compliance will be required; may add costs to industry
• Future termination of BPRP requirements
  – Marginal reduction in compliance requirements relative to CDC
  – Barrier to entry lowered; more staff available to support DOD-funded work
  – Ability to leverage broader range of existing equipment/facilities to support DOD-funded work