



# **Chemical Biological Defense Acquisition Initiatives Forum (CBDAIF)**

**Surety Sector Report**

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# Companies in Sector

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- 7 Chemical and Biosurety laboratories
  - MRI Global (Chem/Biosurety)
  - Battelle (Chem/Biosurety)
  - CUBRC (Chem/Biosurety)
  - SwRI (Chem surety)
  - SRC (Biosurety)
  - IITRI (Biosurety)
  - MIT (Biosurety)
- All support DoD, other government organizations, and companies developing CB defense systems

# Health of Sector

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- Health of Sector is threatened in the chemical surety area:
  - Decline in T&E opportunities due to policy directing use of Govt. surety facilities

# Major Sector Concerns

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- Lack of opportunity to compete for CB surety T&E work for JPEO-CBD Programs
  - Govt. investment in additional T&E infrastructure (DPG and PBA), duplicates some comm. lab capabilities
  - Stand up of surety lab at PBA is of particular concern
  - Increased risk to JPEO with Govt. lab stand downs
- Labs request ability to fairly compete for work
  - Solicit proposals from both Govt. and Comm. Labs
  - Compete on technical, cost, schedule, and past performance factors

# Major Sector Concerns

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- DTRA D&F language related to agent characterization studies: “*the needed supplies or services could not be provided as conveniently and economically by contracting with private source*”
- The capabilities are present within the Sector, are responsive, and very cost competitive

# Major Sector Concerns

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- Government approach to chem agent provisioning is in limbo and impacting Sector planning
  - Will COCOs have to pay for required AMC security inspections?
  - Will IT/surveillance accreditation be required?
  - Will ECBC oversight be eliminated?
  - Will COCOs be able to pay for agent?

# Sector Expectations for CBDAIF Meeting Outcomes for Next Year

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- Update of JPEO and DTRA roadmaps

# Other Sector Issues

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