



Background

In today's dynamic and ever-evolving threat environment, it is not only important for both the public and private sector to maintain situational awareness, but also to actively coordinate and collaborate. It is only by building partnerships and proactively sharing information that we can grow our knowledge base and protect our great Nation – as well as the companies within it.

The Public-Private Analytic Exchange Program (AEP), sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis (DHS/I&A), on behalf of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), facilitates collaborative partnerships between members of the private sector and teams of experienced U.S government analysts to form a number of subcommittees. This annual program provides U.S government analysts and private sector partners with a better understanding of select national security and homeland security issues.

About the Program

The AEP Committee enables U.S government analysts and private sector partners to gain a greater understanding of how their disparate, yet complementary, roles can work in tandem to ensure mission success. Participants work to create joint analytic products of interest to both the private sector and the U.S. Government. It focuses on topic areas such as:

- Evolving Landscape of U.S. Bioeconomy and Biotechnology
- Combatting Illicit Activity Utilizing Financial Technologies and Cryptocurrencies
- Ransomware Attacks on Critical Infrastructure Sectors
- Countering Foreign Malign Social Network Manipulation in the Homeland
- Threats to U.S. Physical Trade & Supply Chain Integrity
- Addressing Risks from Non-State Actors' Use of Commercially Available Technologies
- Increasing Resilience in Overlooked Critical Infrastructure Sectors
- Ethical Frameworks for Open Source Intelligence

What the Program Can Do for You

For U.S government and private sector analysts, AEP increases depth of expertise, provides new insights and perspectives, and offers a greater appreciation of open source information and analytic outreach. Private sector partners benefit from an increased understanding of the analytic process, how to engage with U.S government analysts, and what analysis means to them.

Program Expectations

- **Time Commitment:** Each individual should expect to spend 3-5 hours a week supporting the program over a six-month period. Analysts are required to attend the program kick-off meeting in January and concluding summit in August. Many subcommittees also attend optional research travel.
- **Collaboration:** Each subcommittee will have flexibility in determining how they engage but are expected to confer frequently to discuss current events, trends, threats, and questions related to their topic and share relevant articles,



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publications, websites, and other intellectual capital related to their topic. Most subcommittees collaborate weekly via phone and email and will be given access to an online collaborative tool.

- **Outcome:** Private sector partners and analysts will document the outcome of their collaboration efforts and are encouraged to undertake joint publication. In prior years, subcommittees have also developed supplemental websites, infographics, or brochures. Program deliverables will be distributed widely across the IC and private sector. Prior year deliverables have also been presented to the IC or other government agencies or at industry or professional association meetings.



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