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FACILITATE RESEARCH INITIATIVES

Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs) act as a vehicle for special research and development contracting within the Federal Government. Organized under the Director of Acquisitions Support and Operations Analysis (ASOA), the objective of DHS FFRDCs is to provide the Department with independent and objective advice and quick response on critical issues throughout the homeland security enterprise. The two DHS FFRDCs are the Homeland Security Systems Engineering and Development Institute (HSSEDI) and Homeland Security Studies and Analysis Institute (HSSAI). The work they perform:

- Constitutes high quality research and advice
- Is authoritative, objective, and free from conflicts of interest caused by competition
- Ensures confidentiality and protects sensitive homeland security, intelligence, government planning information, and proprietary commercial information



GENERATING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS: HSSEDI

The purpose of HSSEDI is to provide specialized independent and objective technical and systems engineering expertise to Department components, program managers and operating elements in addressing national homeland security system development issues in order to promote development and delivery of Department capabilities in the following focus areas:

- Acquisition Planning and Development
- Concept Exploration, Experimentation and Evaluation
- Information Technology, Communications and Cyber Security
- System Architecture and Integration
- Quality and Performance
- Independent Test and Evaluation

GENERATING KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS: HSSAI

The purpose of HSSAI is to provide specialized independent and objective technical expertise to Department components, program managers and operating elements in addressing national homeland security issues in order to promote development and delivery of Department capabilities in focus areas including:

- Acquisition Planning and Development
- Security Threat, Vulnerability & Risk Assessment
- Organizational Studies
- Doctrine and Policy Review
- Regulatory Assessment
- Operational Analyses

GATEWAY TO NON-DHS FFRDC's

Along with the two DHS FFRDCs, HSSEDI and HSSAI, there are other agency FFRDCs available for use upon request.

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