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DHS Announces a Funding Opportunity for Universities to Support Homeland Security Research and Workforce Development

WASHINGTON – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), Office of University Programs today announced funding opportunities for U.S. academic institutions to conduct homeland security research and workforce development activities relating to critical infrastructure resilience. Two funding opportunities are available: one for a Center Lead and another for Center Partner institutions to conduct research supporting the lead.

The five-year, up to \$20 million cooperative agreement will fund the creation of a new DHS S&T Critical Infrastructure Resilience Center of Excellence. The Center will conduct research to enhance the resiliency of the Nation's critical infrastructures in partnership with the businesses and public entities that own and operate those assets and systems. The Center of Excellence will focus on the interdependency of infrastructure security; providing owners and operators, state governments, and the federal government with a better understanding of the complexities of risk management for these structures. Research will cover the context of catastrophic disruptions; test scalable solutions across real-world infrastructures; and conduct research on how infrastructures may evolve, dependent on the commercial environment that may impact this evolution, and how resilience may be built into future structures.

DHS COEs work closely with DHS component agencies to conduct research, develop and transition mission-relevant science and technology to an operational environment, and educate the next generation of homeland security technical experts. DHS funds the COEs through cooperative agreements, and each COE is led by a U.S. college or university. COEs work with DHS to leverage existing relationships with public and private sector partners, as well as other subject matter experts, to enhance homeland security missions and capabilities in their topic areas.

The [Lead institution](#) and [Partner institution](#) funding opportunity announcements are available at [grants.gov](#). Academic institutions interested in being a Academic institutions interested in applying to the Critical Infrastructure Resilience Center of Excellence Lead or Partner funding opportunity announcements are invited to attend a [webinar](#) on July 15, 2014 at 3:30 pm (EDT). For additional information about the DHS COEs, visit [DHS S&T Centers of Excellence](#).

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