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DHS Announces Two Funding Opportunities for Universities to Support Homeland Security Research and Education

WASHINGTON – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), Office of University Programs today announced two funding opportunities for U.S. academic institutions to conduct homeland security research and education.

The first opportunity is a cooperative agreement, up to \$20 million over a five-year period, to fund the creation of a new DHS S&T Center of Excellence (COE) for Coastal Resilience to conduct research enhancing the Homeland Security mission to safeguard people, infrastructure, communities and economies from catastrophic coastal natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes. The new Coastal Resilience Center will evaluate future climate trends and their impacts on coastal resilience, focusing specifically on the U.S. East and Gulf Coast regions.

A second opportunity is a cooperative agreement, up to \$20 million over a five-year period, to fund the creation of a new DHS S&T COE for Borders, Trade and Immigration Research to conduct research enhancing the Homeland Security mission to secure our borders, facilitate lawful trade and travel, effectively enforce our immigration and customs laws, grant immigration and citizenship benefits and, ensuring the integrity of our immigration system.

Both funding opportunities are seeking Center Lead and Center Partner institutions.

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 funding opportunity announcements are available at [grants.gov](#) for Coastal Resilience Center [Lead institution](#) and [Partner institution](#), and for the Center for Borders, Trade and Immigration Research [Lead institution](#) and [Partner institution](#).

Academic institutions interested in being a Lead Institution should participate in the appropriate webinars scheduled for May 5, 2014, at 2:00pm EDT for [Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence](#), or at 3:30pm EDT for the [Center for Borders, Trade and Immigration Research](#). For additional information about the DHS COEs, visit [DHS S&T Centers of Excellence](#).

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