



Homeland Security

State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council

State, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments are vital to protecting critical infrastructure and ensuring the resilience of the communities that they serve. Officials at those levels of government are responsible for protecting public safety, and ensuring that their communities effectively respond to — and recover from — all hazards. Formed in April 2007, the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC) is a flagship council leveraging the expertise of these officials to bring SLTT governments into the national critical infrastructure planning process, through the Council’s reaffirmation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan 2013 (NIPP 2013). Members include representatives of jurisdictions in 25 States and two tribal governments, with 5 Homeland Security Advisors (HSAs) and 2 Deputy HSAs also serving as full Council members. As a national representative of SLTT stakeholders, the Council is a valuable forum for coordinating across geographic boundaries and all levels of government.

Regional Effort

The SLTTGCC began an ongoing regional effort in 2011 to study the SLTT critical infrastructure security and resilience (CISR) mission as it has been implemented nationwide by state and local governments in each of the 10 FEMA Regions. The reports are based on interviews with SLTT and Federal officials, and serve to guide the Council and DHS in developing effective approaches to and best practices for CISR efforts, and help officials learn about — and benefit from — other approaches to improving infrastructure security and resilience. These reports directly support the DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP) Regional Partnership Engagement efforts to study CISR efforts taking place nationwide for governments and the private sector. This regional effort undertaken by the Council assists DHS in the deployment of programs by highlighting the region-specific requirements of its public and private sector partners.

Baseline reports have been completed for all FEMA Regions. Reports may be viewed on the Council’s portal on

Primary Activities

- Advancing critical infrastructure issues, approaches, and best practices at the SLTT and regional levels
- Sharing information on critical infrastructure issues among and between SLTT colleagues
- Submitting policy recommendations to the Federal Government on national plans, policies, and programs
- Collaborating with other members of the NIPP Sector Partnership sectors to share common ideas and concerns, and work together on solutions

Council Leadership

Chair – Curtis Parsons, *Homeland Security and Emergency Management Coordinator, Lenawee County, Michigan*

Vice Chair – Brian Wright, *Chair, IP Gateway Working Group / Assistant Director, New York State Office of Counter Terrorism*

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Council Working Groups

The SLTTGCC has established temporary and permanent working groups focused on CISR issues important to SLTT governments. Organized by topic or issue area, these working groups regularly convene (via conference call and in-person meetings during council plenary sessions). Groups discuss and address topics including:

- Developing consensus recommendations on new and evolving Federal policies and programs
- Engaging subject matter experts (SMEs) and Federal representatives
- Compiling and disseminating best practices, white papers, and studies

Working Groups

- Access Credentialing
- State Asset Criteria (temporary)
- IP Gateway
- Cybersecurity
- Information Sharing
- Policy and Planning
- Regional Resiliency Assessment Program
- Tribal and Territorial

Recent SLTTGCC working group products include white papers on the landscape of CISR efforts for tribal governments nationwide, and access credentialing and information systems. In addition, the Council formed the IP Gateway Working Group in 2013 as a means of studying how the new capabilities and tools of the system will affect the state and local government critical in frastructure site assessment process.

Sharing Best Practices through Alliance Networks

Alliance Networks allow the Council to connect with peers in State and local governments by connecting public sector CISR officials nationwide — such as those in networks for Protective Security Advisors, SMEs, urban-area security directors, and those working in emergency management — with the SLTTGCC’s efforts.

One such network is the Critical Infrastructure Protection Coordinators Alliance Network, which provides state and local CISR personnel with a means to regularly communicate with each other and the Federal Government. The network includes more than 160 SLTT officials from across the country, and enables SLTT mission partners to communicate, share best practices, and provide DHS and Sector-Specific Agencies (SSAs) with regular feedback on requirements and programs. Members also have been given access to the SLTTGCC HSIN-CI portal and materials, such as Council reports and white papers, newsletters, and sector-specific plans. In addition, the Council produces the Critical Infrastructure Quarterly, a newsletter that highlights important and ongoing critical infrastructure issues. The newsletter is provided to the network as a document that they can then share with their colleagues in the CISR mission.

The Council also sponsors a monthly Real Time Forum (Webinar) on topics of interest to the SLTT community. Topics have included an introduction to the DHS Sector Outreach and Programs Division, the IP Gateway Pilot Project, and an overview of the Office of Bombing Prevention’s Multi-Jurisdiction IED Security Plan. This access — and the connections provided by and among the Alliance Networks — creates a force multiplier effect by allowing officials to work together on the challenges of the critical infrastructure protection mission.

Collaborating with the Critical Infrastructure Sectors

The SLTTGCC collaborates with other critical infrastructure councils to ensure mutual understanding of each other’s roles and responsibilities within the national CISR mission. The Council’s Sector Liaison program promotes collaboration with Government Coordinating Councils (GCCs) and joint sector activities with private Sector Coordinating Councils (SCCs), to help identify and address cross-sector issues and interdependencies.

More Information

For more information about the SLTTGCC, visit <http://www.dhs.gov/state-local-tribal-and-territorial-government-coordinating-council>, or contact the SLTTGCC Secretariat at SLTTGCC@hq.dhs.gov.