



State, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments are vital to protecting critical infrastructure and ensuring the resilience of the communities they serve. 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 the SLTT governments' perspective into the national critical infrastructure planning process through the Council's reaffirmation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) 2013: *Partnering for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience*. Members include representatives of jurisdictions in 25 States and 2 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.

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 Partnerships to share common ideas and concerns and work together on solutions

Council Working Groups

The SLTTGCC establishes working groups organized by topic or issue area that focus on critical infrastructure security and resilience issues important to SLTT governments. These working groups convene regularly during council plenary sessions to discuss and address a variety of 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.

The Council establishes additional working groups to focus on specific areas as it deems necessary, such as the recently formed Regional Working Group; Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) Working Group, which enhances local and regional risk assessment capabilities and engages stakeholders to provide feedback in the THIRA process; and IP Gateway Working Group, which studies how the new capabilities and tools

SLTTGCC 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*)

Jim Battese, Chair, Tribal and Territorial Working Group (*Director of Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, Miami Nation*)

Kevin Clement, co-Chair, Regional Working Group (*Strategic Planner, Texas Homeland Security*)

Mark Hogan, Chair, Cybersecurity Working Group (*Chief of Security, City of Tulsa, Oklahoma*)

Grant Hosmer, Chair THIRA Working Group (*Critical Infrastructure Coordinator, City of Minneapolis, Minnesota*)

Bill Minear, Chair, Access Credentialing Working Group (*Director, West Virginia Critical Infrastructure Protection Programs*)

Irene Navis, co-Chair, Regional Working Group (*Emergency Manager, Clark County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, Nevada*)

Shelly Schechter, Chair, Information Sharing Working Group (*Director, Office of Public Health/Preparedness, Department of Health, Nassau County, New York*)

Bob Zehentbauer, Chair, Policy and Planning Working Group (*Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness, Utica, Columbia County, Ohio*)

will affect the State and local government critical infrastructure site assessment process. Recent working group products include white papers on the landscape of security and resilience efforts for tribal governments nationwide, access credentialing, and information systems.

Regional Efforts

The SLTTGCC is collaborating on a joint project called the the *Regional Overview of Critical Infrastructure Programs* with the Regional Consortium Coordinating Council (RC3), which is focused on public-private partnerships.

The project documents the current state of critical infrastructure programs and activities in each Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) region and the progress of activities based on the needs identified through previous studies. Participants in the project include critical infrastructure security and resilience partners representing State, local, and regional government and public-private partnerships in each FEMA region. Results will be compared and contrasted with data from previous regional studies published by the councils and will be summarized in ongoing regional snapshots providing an overview of each region's critical infrastructure programs and partnerships, focus areas, best practices, needs, and opportunities to enhance preparedness and resilience.

Sharing Best Practices

In an effort to foster information sharing best practices, the SLTTGCC connects with peers in State and local governments by linking SLTTGCC's efforts with mission-area public sector officials nationwide, such as those working with Protective Security Advisors, SMEs, urban-area security directors, and emergency management personnel.

One such mechanism is the Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Coordinators Alliance Network, which provides State and local practitioners with a means to regularly communicate with each other and the Federal Government. This Network includes more than 160 SLTT officials from across the country and enables SLTT mission partners to share best practices and provide DHS and Sector-Specific Agencies (SSAs) with regular feedback on requirements and programs. Members also have access to the SLTTGCC Homeland Security Information Network – Critical Infrastructure (HSIN-CI) portal and materials, such as Council reports and white papers, newsletters, and sector-specific plans.

The Council shares best practices through the Partnership Perspective section featured in the Office of Infrastructure Protection's Partnership Quarterly newsletter, which highlights important and ongoing critical infrastructure issues.

Additionally, the Council sponsors a Real Time Forum Webinar series on topics of interest to the SLTT community, including an introduction to the DHS National Protection and Programs Directorate, Office of Infrastructure Protection's Sector Outreach and Programs Division, the IP Gateway Pilot Project, and an overview of the Office for Bombing Prevention's Multi-Jurisdiction Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Security Plan. These Webinars provide a practical opportunity for State, local, tribal, and regional officials to work together.

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 critical infrastructure security and resilience 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/slittgcc> or contact the SLTTGCC Secretariat at SLTTGCC@hq.dhs.gov.