The Panel

- Thomas W. Essig: Chief Procurement Officer
- Soraya Correa: Director, Office of Procurement Operations (OPO)
- John H. Ely: Executive Director, Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
Department of Homeland Security Mission

- Prevent terrorist attacks within the United States
- Reduce America’s vulnerability to terrorism
- Minimize damage from potential attacks and natural disasters

September 11, 2001
A date that will be forever etched in our memory.
The Homeland Security Act of 2002:

United 22 previously disparate domestic agencies into one coordinated department to protect the nation against threats to the homeland.

Effective March 1, 2003
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The largest spend component is DHS HQ with $3.7B in spend in support of agency mission areas.

Professional Services is the largest Commodity Family with 25% of FY07 spend.

16.4% of “Unclassified” data is attributed to a lack of FSC and line item information within the underlying procurement data systems.
Dual System of Accountability (Contracting)

DHS Secretary
Deputy Secretary

Under Secretary for Management

Chief Procurement Officer

Component Head

Head of the Contracting Activity

= Flow of Contracting Authority
DHS Chief Procurement Officer’s
FY 2008 Priorities

1. Quality Contracting
   • Goal: To make good business deals
   • Goal: To perform effective contract administration

2. Quality Acquisition Management
   • Goal: To improve the quality of program management throughout DHS

3. Quality People
   • Goal: To build and sustain the DHS Acquisition Workforce
For more information on DHS contracting and business opportunities:

**Open For Business** centralizes information to let every business in America know how to work with the Department of Homeland Security. Designed to assist the business community, we include links to contracts, grants, small business opportunities, research and development and contacts.

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