

CBP - Customs and Border Protection

DHS - Department of Homeland Security

DOD - Department of Defense

DOJ - Department of Justice

DOS - Department of State

FBI - Federal Bureau of Investigation

FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency

GSA - General Services Administration

ICE - Immigration and Customs Enforcement

ODNI - Office of the Director of National Intelligence

WFO - Washington Field Office (FBI)

USCIS - United States Citizenship & Immigration Services

USN - United States Navy



Government Technology
& Services Coalition

Annual Report

June 2012-June 2013



# It's About the Mission.

The Government Technology & Services Coalition (GTSC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan 501(c)(6) trade association of innovative, agile small and mid-size company CEOs that create, develop, and implement solutions for the Federal homeland and national security sector. These companies founded the Coalition to band together and work with their Federal partners to achieve their mission - despite significant budget challenges - by bringing the innovation, creativity and ingenuity of successful small businesses to the homeland and national security mission. These CEOs -- many former government officials -- joined together to share best practices, information and resources, to lead the initiatives and solutions that would bring the best of our community together to protect our homeland.

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# Message from Steering Committee Chair

Dear Members, Mentors and Friends,

What a year two! I continue to be excited and motivated by the tremendous work of the Government Technology & Services Coalition. As Chair of the Steering Committee I have seen so many people get engaged and start making a material difference that our progress this year has been exceptional.

You'll read about all of that later in our Annual Report but I wanted to highlight a few things: the Small Business Collaboration Group (SBCG) was formed in the fall of 2012 to help our members network virtually, find teaming partners and save time, resources and money. We launched this virtual crowdsourcing resource with the help of several GTSC members and are now able to share opportunities, employees and ideas to forward our collective cause.

I'm also really excited about our partnership with Linden Resources and the VetsReady2Work program. Our members are devoted and committed to the homeland and national security community and giving back by helping veterans to reintegrate, find jobs and support their families is critical. I'm proud of the GTSC members who immediately stepped forward to pledge support to this effort and hire disabled veterans.

As far as our capacity, we've expanded considerably. We've increased our public reach, launched a blog and a weekly newsletter for our community, developed several training modules to assist government understand the private-sector process and continued to encourage the positive, revenue generating interactions nurtured by the Coalition.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your support, your encouragement and your belief in the idea that we could create an ethical, principled group of CEOs who could do the right thing and achieve greater business success. You are all true leaders and I, and the entire GTSC team, am extremely proud to work with you.

Cheers to an amazing year three!!

Chris Gorman Chair, GTSC Steering Committee Managing Partner, The Efiia Group



# *Message from Our Founder & CEO*





Dear Members, Mentors and Friends,

It's hard to believe it's been only two years! Our team has accomplished so much! In such a short period of time we have attracted some of the most well-known and well- respected companies in our industry and made significant progress toward building a community of innovation and collaboration around the homeland and national security mission.

While it has not been easy to launch a start-up, non-profit organization, so many people in both government and industry reached out to contribute and encourage this community of people devoted to protecting our nation. Why? Because they care about our ultimate goal: the mission of protecting our people, our infrastructure and our economy. This year we were able to tackle tough issues around areas like cyber security, border security, law enforcement, intelligence, and around real-world challenges to execution such as small business capacity, mentor protégé relationships, exchange between industry and government and many more.

We were also able to build our community by giving back: supporting the re-integration of wounded veterans through our strategic partnership with Linden resources, contributing to the Coast Guard Memorial Foundation, and perhaps most importantly, supporting an environment of excellence among our members.

Ultimately we have proven that we are about "doing!" All the flexibility, innovation, creativity of small business is reflected in our accomplishments and buttressed by some of the best small, mid- and large companies working toward our nation's security missions.

All of our members, mentors, partners and advisors work in collaboration to fill a need. As budgets shrink and the mission expands, our members have created a place where innovation, ideas and excellence thrive. Companies in the Coalition partner, mentor, team and learn alongside one another to bring the best solutions, technologies and services possible to our government customers.

This year we also began what will be a tradition of recognizing those individuals who accomplish great things – despite the challenges. We gave our first awards for Federal Small Business Champions and Member and Mentor of the Year. This is only the beginning. GTSC strives to recognize and acknowledge the hard, thankless work performed by so many and recognized by so few through a formal awards program – we invite YOU to offer suggestions for unsung heroes in our midst!

In closing, THANK YOU. We genuinely could not do it without you. Each of you has devoted your time, resources and brainpower to finding new ways to solve increasingly difficult problems. I'm honored to be on this road with you and look forward to continuing to build a stronger, safer country.

My best for a great year!

Kristina Tanasichuk Founder & CEO



# **ABOUT US**

**Our Vision** is to provide an ethical, effective platform for information exchange between the public and private sector on homeland and national security ideas, technologies and innovations.

**Our Mission** is two-fold: first, to provide exceptional advocacy, capacity building, partnership opportunities and marketing in the Federal security space for small and mid-sized companies. Second, to support and assist our government partners achieve their critical missions with the highest integrity; best and most innovative technologies; and results-based, quality products and services to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from any terrorist attack or natural disaster.

# Our Programming.

The Government Technology & Services Coalition focuses on a holistic approach to our members' success, from insight into government clients to enhancing business development resources and building internal business capacity. Working with the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security, Defense, Justice, State, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, GTSC works to educate our members through the following types of sessions:



# Capacity Building.

Every company - small to large - faces a host of growing pains and internal challenges to meet the needs of success. Through exceptional relationships with an A-list of advisors, mentors and luminaries in corporate growth, GTSC hosts hands-on sessions to assure that member companies have the best tools available to them to build their internal capacity and further their growth.



# CEO-to-CEO Roundtables.

No one understands the challenges and unique demands of our market like someone who has grown a successful company in it. Understanding that, CEOs of successful member companies join members to share their insights, lessons learned and advice for others working in the Federal homeland and national security markets.



# Insight Sessions.

GTSC Insight sessions host Federal or Congressional officials to discuss challenges in the federal security mission, host workshops on engagement with the Federal customer, and promote the exchange of innovative ideas between the public and private sector.



# Market Solutions Series.

The Market Solution Series provides an inside look at creative, successful interactions and challenges that may be impeding growth in the Federal homeland and national security market. These intimate roundtables take members inside the "story" and allow them to understand the market components and forces that result in success. This series was developed in response to members who were interested in creative ways to partner and team to win business with the Federal government.



#### **Mentor Sessions.**

Throughout the year, executives from our mentor companies join our members and others from our broader community to share their advice and perspectives on the homeland and national security markets. These sessions provide invaluable insight into how large corporations are positioning themselves in the market, opportunities for teaming and partnership and relationship building between large and small firms.



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# **Insight Session with Linda Jacksta**

Executive Director, Cargo Systems Program Office, CBP, DHS

# National Preparedness Month: Focus on FEMA

### **David Silverberg**

Editor, Homeland Security Today, and Author, Master of Disaster: The Political & Leadership Lessons of America's Greatest Disasters

#### **Linda Mathes**

CEO, American Red Cross of the National Capital Region

### **Darryl Madden**

Director, READY Campaign, FEMA, DHS

#### David J. Kaufman

Office of Policy & Program Analysis, FEMA, DHS

# Antwane Johnson

Division Director, Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, FEMA, DHS

# **Vincent Brown**

Senior Program Specialist, Federal Insurance & Mitigation Administration, FEMA, DHS

# Sara Bryant

Section Chief, Grant Directorate, FEMA, DHS

# Kimberly C. Brown

Deputy Branch Chief, Program Management Operations Branch, Office of Chief Procurement Officer, FEMA, DHS

# Cyber Security Awareness Month: Focus on the FBI

# Kent Knudsen

Information Systems Security Management, K2Share **Stephen Howard** 

Executive Director, TecPort Solutions' Cyber Defense & Compliance, Forensics Services Division

# **Scott Algeier**

Executive Director, IT-ISAC & Strategic Advisor, GTSC **Trent Teyema** 

Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Cyber Division, FBI-WFO

#### **Christopher Graham**

Unit Chief, National Intellectual Property Rights
Coordination Center, Cyber Criminal Section, FBI, DOJ

# Nicholas Savage

Assistant Section Chief, Cyber Criminal Section, FBI, DOJ

#### **Larry Castro**

Managing Director, The Chertoff Group

# OUR PROGRAMMING

# **Insight Session with Rendell Jones**

Associate Director, Management Directorate, USCIS, DHS

# Insight Session with Chairman Michael McCaul

Chairman, House Committee on Homeland Security

# **Insight Session with Charles Armstrong**

Assistant Commissioner and Chief Information Officer, CBP, DHS **Guy Torres** 

Director, Information Technology Contracting, CBP, DHS

# The View from Appropriations: Timeline for Sequester

## **Charles Kieffer**

Staff Director, Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, U.S. Senate

# **Ben Nicholson**

Majority Clerk, House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, U.S. House of Representatives



#### Insight Session with Dr. Starnes Walker

Chief Technology Officer & Technical Director, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command & U.S. Tenth Fleet, U.S. Navy

## Insight Session with Beth Anne Killoran

Executive Director, Office of Program Accountability and Risk Management (PARM), DHS

# Insight Session with Dr. Daniel Gerstein

Deputy Under Secretary, Science & Technology Directorate, DHS

# Insight Session with John Morton

Director, ICE, DHS

# **Insight Session with Gary Galloway**

Deputy Director, Office of Information Assurance, DOS



# Michelle Mrdeza

Founding Partner, GTSC

Lead, Homeland Security Practice Group, Cornerstone Government Affairs & former Majority Staff Director of the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security

# Got Talent? Human Resources for Small Business

#### Kathleen Smith

Chief Marketing Officer, ClearedJobs.Net

#### Jen Fritz

Director, Federal Government Solutions, CareerBuilder **Rob Edmonds** 

Director, Sales and Marketing, Uniplus and Chair, GTSC Small Business Collaboration Group (SBCG)

# Your Legal, Insurance & Ethical Responsibilities: An Update

#### **Richard Conway**

Partner, Dickstein Shapiro and Strategic Partner and GTSC Strategic Partner

#### P. Allen Haney

CEO, P. Allen Haney Company and GTSC Strategic Advisor

### **Amy Hutchens**

General Counsel, Vice President Compliance & Ethics Services, Watermark Risk Management International





# Writing Proposals for DHS & DOD

### Tom Essig

Former Chief Procurement Officer at DHS; Owner, TWE, LLC & GTSC Strategic Advisor

#### Josh Kussman

Sr. Vice President, The Sentinel HS Group

# **Understanding GSA with Jim Williams**

Senior Vice President, Daon & Former Commissioner of the General Services Administration's Federal Acquisition Service & Acting GSA Administrator

# Working with the "Big Guys" - How to Manage your Resources for both Strategic & Tactical Planning

# Mary-Claire Burick

CEO, MC Strategy and GTSC Strategic Advisor

# Josh Kussman

Sr. Vice President, The Sentinel HS Group

# Chris Lawrence

Vice President, Engility and GTSC Mentor

# Marketing: You've Got the Plan, How Does That Translate to Your Federal Clients?

# Victoria Laing

Senior Account Manager, Gotham Government Solutions

#### Mary Ann Stoops

Principal, Savvy Marketing Partners LLC

### **Earl Holland**

President, Growth Strategy Consultants & GTSC Strategic Advisor

# Why Does Your Capacity Matter? A Word from our Mentors

# **Andrea Marsh**

Senior Market Manager and DHS Lead, Battelle

# Anne Petera

DHS Client Executive, Harris IT Services, former Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs, DHS

# **Wayne Pizer**

Vice President, Small Business Programs,

#### L-3 STRATIS

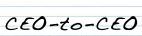
**Michael Kelly**, Senior Director, Infrastructure Protection & Security, TASC, Inc.



**CEO-to-CEO Roundtable** with John Rothenberger, CEO, SE Solutions

**CEO-to-CEO Roundtable** with Sue Hopkins, CEO, DSCI





# Roundtables

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# State of the Homeland & National Security Markets: Agilex and The Chertoff Group

Time Hoechst

Chief Technology Officer, Agilex

Jason Kaufman

Managing Director, The Chertoff Group

**Marrianne Meins** 

President, Intelligence, Agilex

Dr. Gary Shiffman

Managing Director, The Chertoff Group

Matt Warren

President, Homeland Security, Agilex

# Market Solutions Series: Focus on Joint Venture Structures & Implementations

**Lisa Martin** 

CEO, LeapFrog Solutions, Inc.

**Brian Nault** 

President, BlueWater Federal Solutions, Inc.

Malcolm Sandilands

Partner, Dickstein Shapiro LLP and Strategic Partner to GTSC

**Devon Hewitt** 

Member, Protorae Law PLLC

# **Building Our Community**

OUR COMMUNITY Members, mentors, and partners in the Government Technology & Services Coalition are committed to building a community of homeland and national security professionals, and more importantly, colleagues. We show that commitment by supporting charitable organizations that benefit our vast and diverse community, supporting efforts to reintegrate our warfighters and assure that we maintain the highest levels of physical and cyber security for our facilities.



# Linden Resources

GTSC partnered with Linden Resources to find meaningful employment for veterans on their return to civilian life. Linden Resources' Vets Ready2Work™ program empowers veterans with disabilities to attain and sustain employment, enabling them to achieve independence and regain self-sufficiency. GTSC member companies work with Linden to hire veterans, provide feedback on workplace requirements and refer veterans to the program. Thank you to the GTSC members who immediately committed to work to place veterans in meaningful positions:















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# Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial Foundation

During 2012-2013, GTSC supported the Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial Foundation by donating the proceeds from both the Holiday and Anniversary celebrations. The CGEMF was founded in late 2011 to build a memorial at Tracen Cape May New Jersey to commemorate the fallen enlisted of the U.S. Coast Guard.



# STOP THINK CONNECT™

# Stop. Think. Connect.

GTSC joined the Stop. Think. Connect. campaign through DHS' National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) to help spread the word about cybersecurity and Internet safety among members and the community. In addition to supporting the campaign, GTSC annually hosts a cyber security awareness event in partnership with InfraGard, an alliance with the FBI's Washington Field Office and individuals committed to protecting the nation's critical infrastructure.

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# **Pending Membership**

GTSC believes that small businesses should not be excluded from our community due to limited resources. To assure that emerging companies can take advantage of the partnerships and resources in GTSC, we developed the "pending membership."

In Italy, café customers can pay for a "caffee sospeso" – a pending coffee that can later be claimed for free by those who can't afford one. The legend is:

"Right after the war, many gentlemen had lost everything they had and couldn't even afford coffee. Now, being that black hot liquid pleasure was not considered a treat, but rather a basic human right in the life of any Neapolitan, those gentlemen who could still afford to have one, took a habit of paying for two: one they drank, the other was credited, to be had by the first peer who would walk in the bar. The bartender would then say 'Would you like a coffee sir?' Which meant: there is a coffee paid for you if you can't afford one."

Companies under \$2.5 million in revenue can join GTSC for free when matched with a Pending Membership sponsor. Thank you to our first Pending Membership sponsors:

















# **Business Workshops for Government**

Meeting with Executive Officials throughout the Federal government, the Government Technology & Services Coalition heard repeatedly that everyone wanted – and needed – a better understanding of the private sector. To that end, GTSC developed four workshops that provide a mini "MBA" on the lifecycle, process, challenges and decisions that companies face as they enter and grow in the Federal market.

Taught by CEOs and C-suite level executives from the GTSC membership, these workshops increase the understanding and exchange between industry and government. Members of the GTSC's Lion's Den were asked to present a 3.5 hour workshop on the mid-tier process before contracting officers at DHS. If you are interested in more information or would like to schedule a workshop, please contact us at: www.GTSCoalition.com

# GTSC Recognition Awards

JOUR COMMUNITY GTSC members believe that numerous public and private sector officials work to protect the homeland every day. Many work with little recognition on challenges and issues that are critical to achieving the mission of protecting our country. GTSC presents a number of awards at our Anniversary and Holiday events to recognize these heroes and raise awareness of their contributions to the homeland and national security mission. Have an idea to recognize some unsung heroes? Let us know!



Dr. Nick Nayak & Under Secretary Rafael Borras - Federal Small Business Champions

# Federal Small Business Champion of the Year

Federal Small Business Champion of the Year is awarded annually to the Federal official(s) who show a distinct commitment and tangible results toward improving the environment and success for small businesses in the federal homeland and national security market.

# **Market Maven Award**

This award is presented to an exceptional individual who contributes in a concrete and tangible way to the efficiency, productivity and effectiveness of the homeland and national security market. They are proven as a thought leader with a belief in increasing individual opportunity, the power of free enterprise and the nurture of innovation to advance and support the homeland and national security mission.

# Most Valuable Player Award

Presented to an exceptional individual who contributes in a concrete and tangible way to the efficiency, productivity and effectiveness of the homeland and national security market. The awardee must be a proven thought leader with a belief in increasing individual opportunity, the power of free enterprise and the nurture of innovation to advance and support the homeland and national security mission. MVP is awarded to a federal official who modernizes and improves the operations and performance of an agency, component, program or division to increase capacity and speed delivery, use innovation and improve performance. These leaders also

focus on the future – developing strategies and plans to address our constantly changing, dynamic threat environment.

# Small Business Member of the Year: Hassett Willis and Company





Mentor of the Year: L-3 STRATIS

# Small Business Member of the Year

The award is presented annually to the GTSC Member that exemplifies exceptional quality and ethics for the Federal government, a commitment to GTSC's small business members and advocacy on behalf of our community.

# Mentor of the Year

Mentor of the Year is awarded annually to the GTSC Mentor who has worked to increase members' understanding of the homeland and national security market, increase business opportunities for small companies through formal and informal mentoring and engage with GTSC to promote an innovative, robust, fair market for all.

# Mid-Tier Member of the Year

Mid-Tier Member of the Year is awarded to the firm that has contributed positively to increasing the opportunities, ideas and understanding of mid-tier companies in the Federal market. Coined "other than small", these companies are often "punished" for their success. GTSC's Mid-Tier Member of the Year works on market solutions, creative market partnerships and increased options for growth.







OUR MEMBERS

Kevin Boshears, DHS, discusses options for mid-tier companies in contracting Vice President, NCI

# The Lion's Den

The Government Technology & Services Coalition is home to the Lion's Den, a distinguished cadre of mid-sized companies devoted to the homeland and national security market. Their success, the result of exceptional work for their clients and their outstanding business acumen, has graduated them to "other than small" in the Federal market. This status creates new and difficult challenges for mid-sized companies now ineligible for set-asides and facing intense competition from very large companies. The Lion's Den is focused on creating and supporting programs, policies and ventures to support the continuum of growth from small to mid-sized through partnership, advocacy and increased business opportunities.































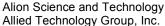




# OUR MEMBERS

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**Battelle Memorial Institute** 

**BBP Partners** 

**BDO** 

BlueCapture Consulting

BlueWater Federal Solutions, Inc.

CareerBuilder

Catalyst Partners

CENTRA Technology, Inc.

CES, LLC

Chameleon Technology Partners

Chenega Aerospace, LLC

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Computer Consulting Operations **Specialists** 

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Daon

Datamaxx Group, Inc.

DecisionPoint Corp

Deosi LLC

Dickstein Shapiro LLP

Digital Authentication Technologies

Direct Action Resilience, LLC

DynamicPro, Inc.

Eagle Ray, Inc.

Engility

Enode

**ESCgov** 

Eye Street Solutions

GAP Solutions, Inc.

GCS. Inc.

GenesisOne. Inc.

Government Technologies Group

**Gray Matters** 

**Growth Strategy Consultants** 

Harris IT Services

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Highlight Technologies IBM

iConnect Group **IMPACT Strategies** 

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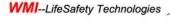














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# **Our Mentors**

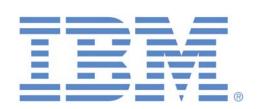
Mentor companies of the Government Technology & Services Coalition understand how critical a robust, successful homeland and national security market is to our nation's security. Together with our members, these firms are committed to bringing the innovation, ideas, and agility of small business to the experience, infrastructure, and resources of large companies. GTSC mentors join us to provide advice and counsel to small and mid-sized companies, find new and innovative teaming partners, address challenges in the prime-subcontractor relationship in a neutral environment, and improve mentor-protégé communication and success. Both our large and small companies recognize that the best security for our citizens—both physically and economically—is derived from the ability of our markets to meet the challenges posed by terrorism, natural disasters, and criminal activity.

# Battelle The Business of Innovation



















# Mentoring

MENTORING Throughout the year, executives from our mentor companies join our members to share their advice, discuss the convergence of homeland and national security and provide their perspectives on the homeland and national security markets. These sessions provide invaluable insight into how large corporations are positioning in the market, what opportunities exist for teaming and partnerships with them, and relationship building between large and small firms.

# **Mentor Session: L-3 STRATIS**

# **Keith Thompson**

Vice President and Director of Homeland Security Solutions. Civil Government Business. L-3 STRATIS

# **Mentor Session: TASC**

# Michael Kelly

Senior Director, Infrastructure Protection & Security, TASC

# Why Does Your Capacity Matter: A Word from our Mentors

# Michael Kelly

Senior Director, Infrastructure & Security, TASC, Inc.

### **Chris Lawrence**

Vice President, Engility

# **Andrea Marsh**

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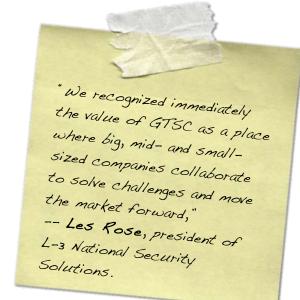
## **Anne Petera**

DHS Client Executive, Harris IT Services and

Former Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs, DHS

# Wayne Pizer

Vice President, Small Business Programs, L-3 STRATIS



# Mentor Session: L-3 Communications Security & Detection Systems

#### **Ellen Howe**

Director of Business Development, L-3 Communications Security & Detection Systems

# **Mentor Session: SAIC**

# Robert Magee

Assistant Vice President of National Security and Cybersecurity Group, SAIC

# **Mentor Focus Group**

Mentor executives also meet to discuss how to improve the mentor-protégé relationship and their partnering and teaming with small business. Our mentors examined what they look for in a teaming partner - from the initial capabilities statement and in-person meeting to building strategic alliances that last beyond one contracting opportunity. Mentors developed their top pointers for small companies looking to work with large companies.



2012-2013 year, the Coalition expanded your voice and

reach throughout government, industry and among the homeland and national community. A large part of our mission is to ensure that the innovations, accomplishments and successes of our members are represented with other stakeholders.

We have participated with numerous government partners including the Departments of Homeland Security, State, Defense, and Justice, as well as the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Throughout these conversations, GTSC heard repeatedly that what was needed was a "workshop" or "briefing" on the private sector. To that end, GTSC was the first organization to approach DHS with a workshop focused on the small business process, decision points and vulnerabilities. That initial workshop evolved into a four part series that is scalable for our government partners and covers the small, mid- and large company process. As part of an on-going effort at DHS, GTSC Lion's Den members were invited to present a 3.5 hour workshop on the mid-tier process.

Throughout government, we find our partners grappling with how to engage industry, understand the rapid pace of innovation and move our security forward despite significant budget challenges. A number of agencies are working on innovative methods to infuse this innovation into existing processes – the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Management Directorate has made achieving their small business goals a priority and a reality. While achieving these goals seems like the right thing to do, it is also the best way to incentivize both government and industry to find new ideas, innovative companies and constantly refresh our way of thinking about security.

GTSC also worked with our Strategic Partners – particularly the Security Industry Association to increase the reach and understanding of the needs of Federal agencies among commercial security providers. GTSC presented a workshop on how to do business with the Federal government at ISC East, moderated a panel on Market Drivers in the Government Space and contributed to the SIA Fiscal Year Informer with a piece on tips for doing business in the Federal market published in Security Systems News magazine.

The Coalition continues to maintain representation on the board of the InfraGard National Capital Region Members Alliance (INCRMA), the information sharing mechanism between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the private sector. InfraGard's mission is to improve and extend information sharing between critical infrastructure stakeholders, with the government, particularly the FBI, to protect those infrastructure assets from physical and/or cyber attack. For Cyber Security Awareness month, GTSC partnered with InfraGard to increase awareness of cyber threats. GTSC members **Kent Knudsen**, Information Systems Security Management, K2Share; **Stephen Howard**, Executive Director, TecPort Solutions' Cyber Defense & Compliance, Forensics Services Division; and **Scott Algeier**, Executive Director, IT-ISAC and Strategic Advisor to GTSC participated as panelists during the session.

their **commitment** to assuring that the **innovation** of **small companies** is constantly applied to the **homeland security mission**... We believe that the **leadership of DHS** has recognized that we must **have a mechanism** to **infuse** our current system with **new ideas**, cutting edge technologies and **actual solutions** -- and **small businesses** are the source of that.

GTSC has also worked with IEEE to advance the "business" side of technology development. Speaking on the Homeland Security conference's business panel, GTSC's message focused on developing both internal capacity and business acumen alongside the development of innovative technologies. For the 2013 conference, GTSC is participating by planning the curriculum to highlight the need for a business approach to technology

We have also worked with The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA), joining and speaking to their small business committee and teaching a half-day course on doing business with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

and has participated in radio interviews on the Promise of Tomorrow radio program.

The Coalition expanded its own reach considerably through the use of social media, such as Facebook and Twitter. We launched "the Weekly Insider," a summary of activities and articles for our public community. Additionally, we launched a blog to discuss challenges in the convergence of homeland and national security, challenges working in the Federal environment and understanding how to navigate various security agencies.

Members requested more virtual collaboration. In response, several GTSC members developed the Small Business Collaboration group, detailed below, designed to provide a significant social networking information exchange platform to help member companies connect, "crowd source" information and find partners and staff. Members can join collaboration groups on Capacity Building, Opportunities and Intelligence, Help Wanted and The Bench in addition to creating their own private collaboration groups.



The SBCG was created by:

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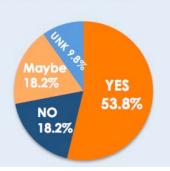












# Prepared For Sequestration?



# Impacts of Sequestration & Budget Cuts on Homeland & National Security

Part of understanding and building our community is keeping a pulse on the market. GTSC believes that our organization must have a deep understanding of the impacts of Federal action on the small business community because in many ways, small businesses are the "canaries in the coal mine" for new policies and regulations for the entire contracting community. The Government Technology & Services Coalition is committed to finding ways to bring your voice to our nation's leaders – through surveys, workgroups, focus groups or polls – we will turn to you throughout the year to gauge and measure how you are doing and how we can do better.

This year, with all eyes on sequestration, GTSC sought to collect information on how both sequestration and budget cuts would impact small, mid-, large companies and their Federal clients. In June, we released the results of the survey on the impacts of government spending cuts on the homeland and national security missions. Two hundred twenty four respondents weighed-in about actual and planned impacts to the contracting community engaged in mission-critical activities:

- Nearly 75% of respondents are preparing for sequestration
- Companies are preparing by reducing their marketing budgets (29.8%), laying off staff (26.7%), reducing public relations budgets (22.7%), cutting services (19.6%), leaving the Federal market (18.7%) and bringing services in-house (15.6%)
- "Other" preparations include reducing salary and benefits, raising prices, decreasing recruiting and moving into commercial markets
- Almost 30% of respondents for the most part emerging and small companies – think they may not or definitely will not survive sequestration
- Fifty-four percent of respondents believe sequestration will materially impact the ability of their federal clients to conduct their stated missions
- Respondents believe the long-term effects include: weakening of national security and preparedness, uncertainty about the federal market, loss of skills and experience in vital missions, and increased efficiency
- Respondents believe the short-term effects include: uncertainty, distraction from the mission, loss of jobs and decreased morale

We encourage you to join with us to assure your voice is heard – respond to our surveys and participate with us as much as time allows.



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GTSC Action Groups form and disband to serve specific requests by Federal partners, issues on which the Coalition wishes to engage and to forward thought leadership around mission areas critical to our homeland and national security.

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The Chertoff Group is a global security advisory firm that provides consulting, business development and M&A advisory services for clients in the security, defense and government services industries. The Chertoff Group contributes to the Coalition's thought leadership development on strategies and tactics for mid-sized companies in the Federal market, approaches for small companies to survive and thrive, and opportunities for GTSC Members to contribute in the Federal security space.

**Dickstein Shapiro LLP**, founded in 1953, is internationally recognized for its work with start-ups to Fortune 500 corporations. Dickstein Shapiro is especially adept at assisting clients navigate the government contracting and public policy worlds with extensive experience with the Defense Department, Department of Homeland Security, and the Intelligence community. Several professionals were instrumental in the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, and provide unique insights into its operations and contractor needs. The firm is highly adept at assisting clients with programs such as the SAFETY act, ITAR and others administered by the DHS and will bring these talents and capabilities to GTSC members to keep them flexible and responsive to the needs of their customers and partners while also maintaining a sharp edge to stay ahead of their competitors

**Linden Resources** was founded in 1959 by parents seeking jobs for their adult children with disabilities. Linden has grown to employ and provide job placement and other innovative services and programs to more than 270 individuals each year. Linden and GTSC partnered to find meaningful employments for veterans through their Vets Ready2Work™ program.

The National Defense Business Institute (NDBI) at The University of Tennessee College of Business Administration was founded with the goal of providing innovative solutions to a defense industry defined by ever increasing pressure to do more with less. The Executive Director, Dave Patterson, former Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), heads the only defense-focused collegiate research organization in operation today, NDBI is uniquely positioned to service the needs of our public sector clients.

The Security Industry Association (SIA) is the leading trade association for electronic and physical security solution providers. SIA protects and advances its members' interests by advocating pro-industry policies and legislation at the federal and state levels, creating open industry standards that enable integration, advancing industry professionalism through education and training, opening global market opportunities, and fostering collaboration with other like-minded organizations. As a proud sponsor of ISC Expos and Conferences, and owner of the Securing New Ground Conference, SIA ensures its members have access to top-level buyers and influencers, as well as unparalleled learning and networking opportunities.



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The Hague **Security** Delta

GTSC has engaged with the Hague Security Delta (HSD) and developed a working relationship to promote business exchange and networking with "the Security Port to Europe." The HSD, the largest and continuously growing network of businesses, governments and knowledge institutes in Europe has created a hub of business, government, academia and numerous nations focused on nurturing the business of security in Europe.

# Québec 🛂 🏄

GTSC worked with the government of Quebec to organize a cyber security trade mission. Strategic Advisor Dr. Steve Bucci and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense & Defense Support of Civil Authorities briefed companies from Quebec on the cyber security landscape and companies participated in a targeted speed-dating matchmaking session with GTSC members and friends. The Chertoff group presented a "state of the cyber market" briefing before a networking event where Canadian companies were able to present their capabilities and find partners in the

United States.



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