

An Overview of the Chemical and Biological Division

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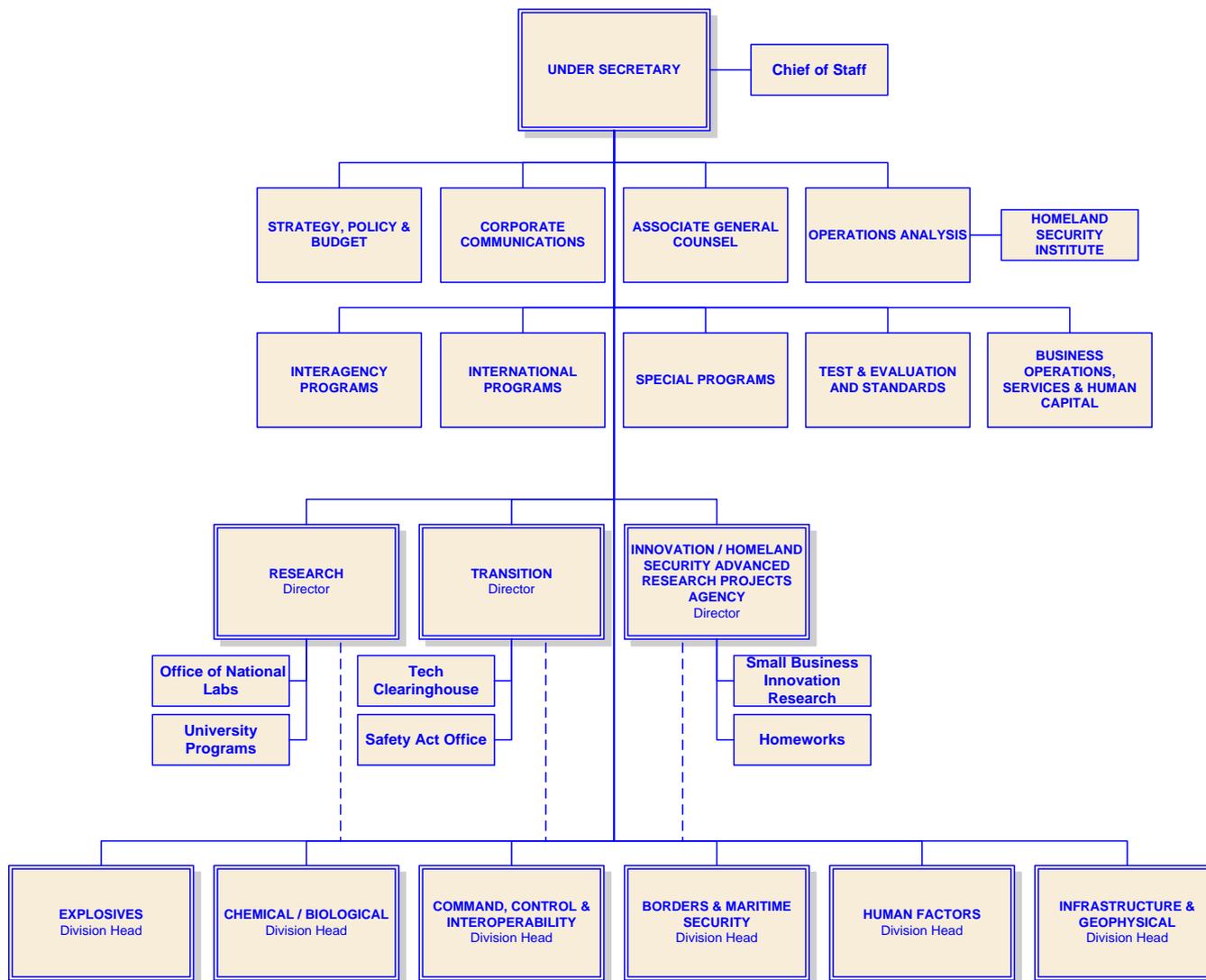
Agenda



- DHS S&T Organizational Structure
- Requirements Development Process
- Biological & Chemical R&D Program
- Summary



DHS S&T Organization



DHS S&T Research and Development Strategy



Exploration of Fundamental Concepts (Enablers)

DHS Unique/Essential

- Address primary DHS interest areas in S&T
- Opportunity-based investment
- High impacts/surprises
- Develop/maintain core Homeland Security S&T competencies

Demonstration & Delivery (Outputs)

Support to Acquisition (EHCs)

- Program of Record Improvements
- Heavily requirements-based
- Generally evolutionary – Deliverable product to customer

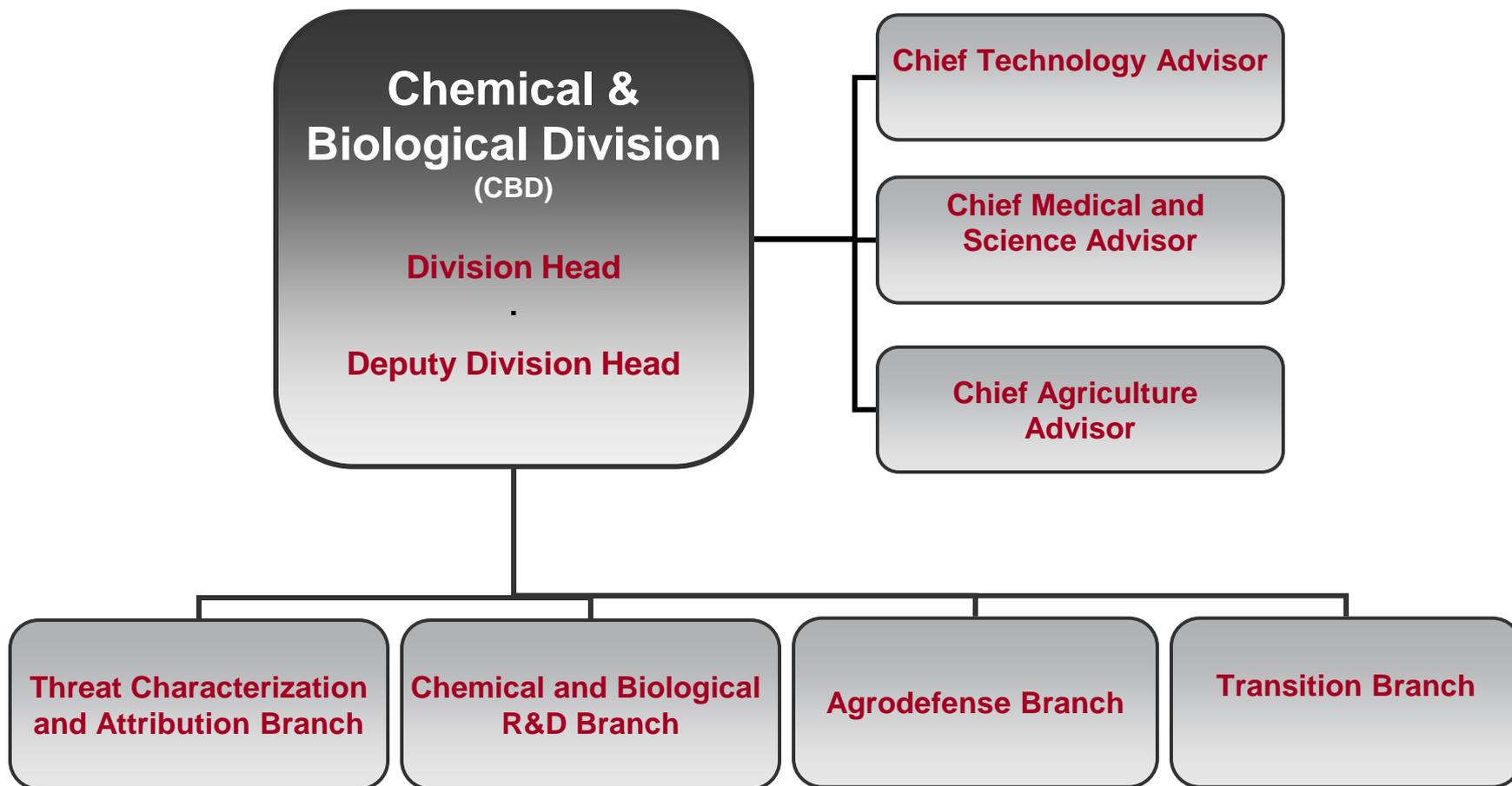
Leap-ahead First Responder Capability

- Concept & need driven
- Transformational
- DHS Leadership priorities



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Chemical and Biological Division Overview

Mission: to increase the Nation's preparedness against chemical and biological threats through improved **threat awareness, advanced surveillance and detection, and protective countermeasures.**

Key 5 year deliverables:

- Integrated CBRN risk assessments
- Anticipation of future & unconventional threats
- Chemical infrastructure risk assessment
- Fully automated Gen 3 BioWatch
- Integrated CBRN facility protection
- Restoration guidance & decision support tools
- National lead for operational biological and chemical forensics
- Decision tools and veterinary countermeasures for Foreign Animal Diseases (FADs)



IPT Co-Chairs: OHA, IP

DHS Drivers: OHA, IP, I&A, CBP, NPPD, PLCY, DNDO, Interagency Gaps

End-Users: HSC, HHS, FBI, USDA, IC, EPA, local public health, critical facilities



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DHS Plays an Integral Role in Implementing the National Biodefense Strategy

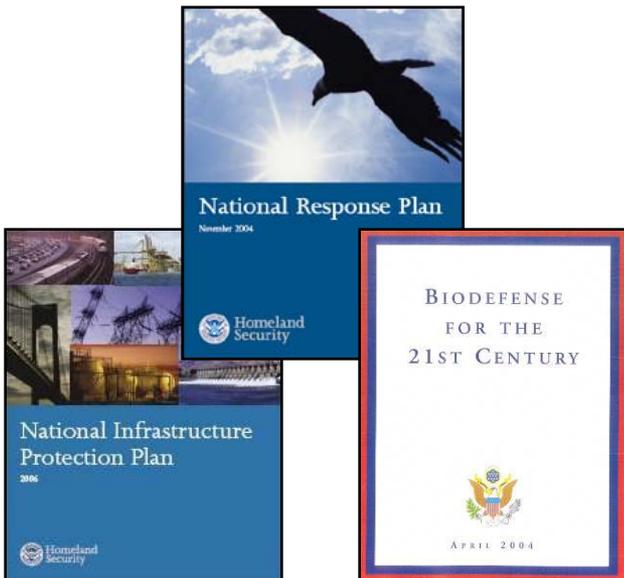
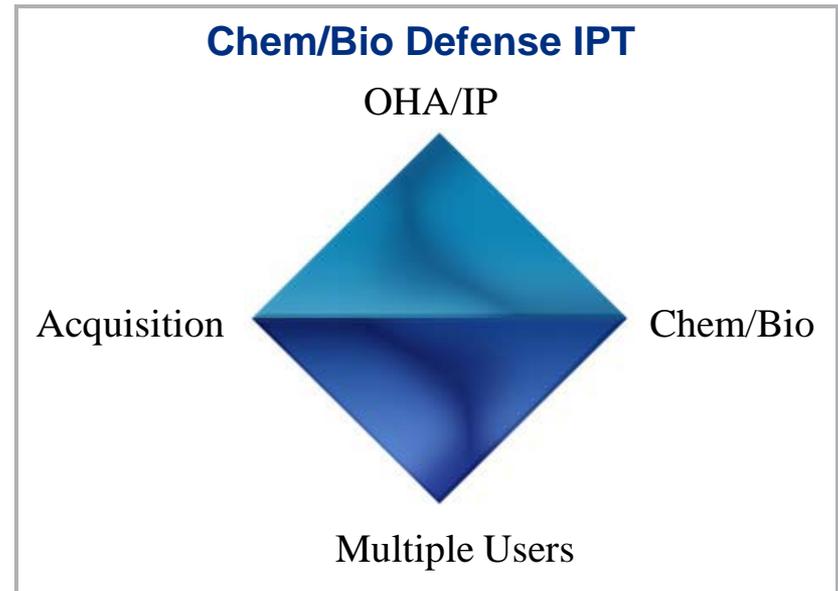


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Where Do Our Requirements Come From?

Directly from a Capstone Integrated Product Team (IPT)

- Co-chaired by DHS Office of Health Affairs (OHA) and DHS Infrastructure Protection (IP)
- Membership from other DHS operational arms
- Identified 50+ Capability Gaps in first IPT process (FY07)



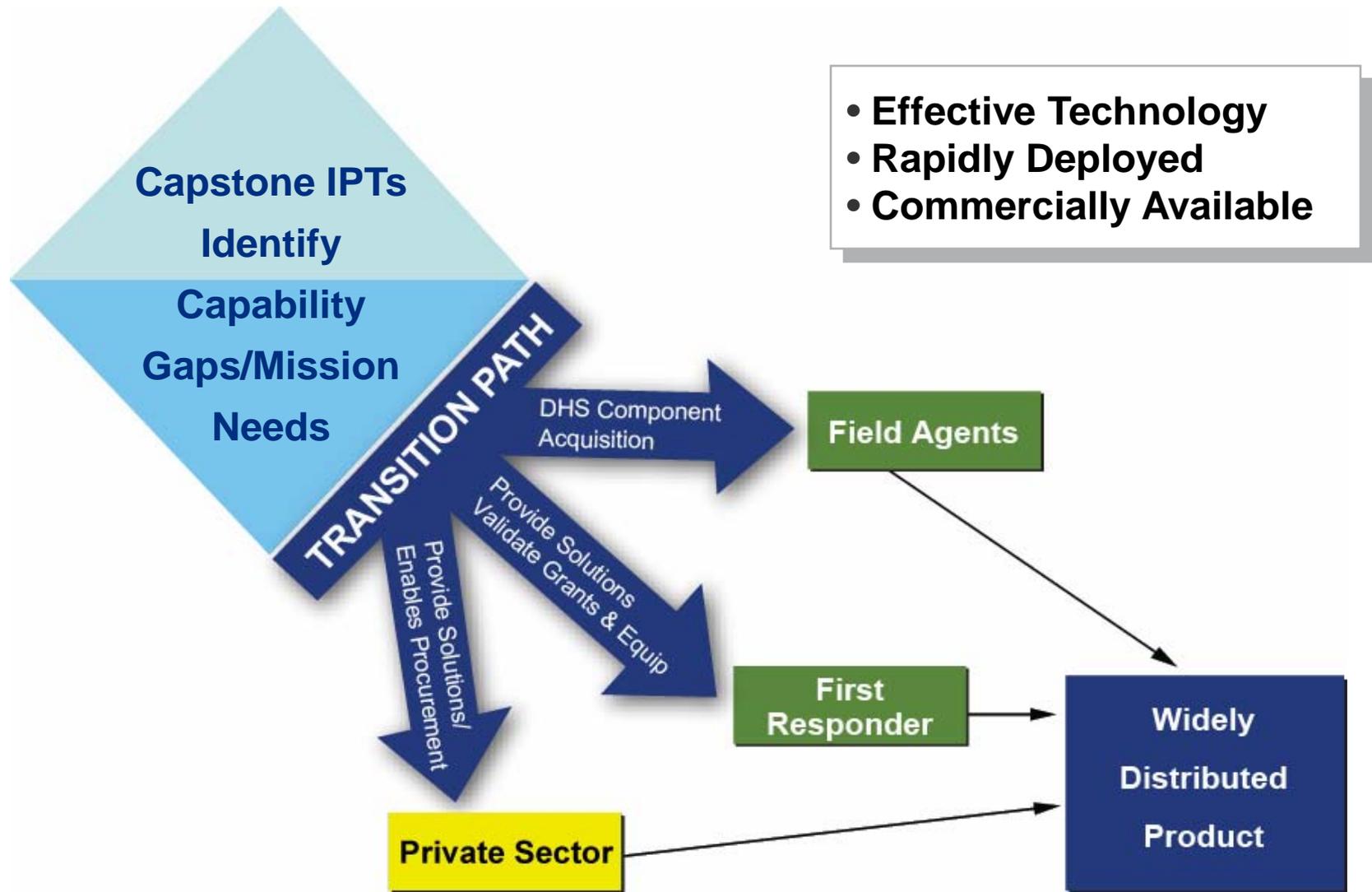
And they in-turn, base their requirements on

- Homeland Security Presidential Directives (10, 7, 9, 18, 22)
- Congressional legislation & guidance
- National planning & implementation guidance – NIPP, FRP, NIMS, and the National Planning Scenarios
- Risk, vulnerability and mitigation studies
- Private, local, state inputs



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Transition Approaches



DHS S&T's Major Customers



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services



Transportation
Security
Administration



FEMA



U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection



Seven operational components receiving over 85% of DHS FY07 appropriated funds



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In summary

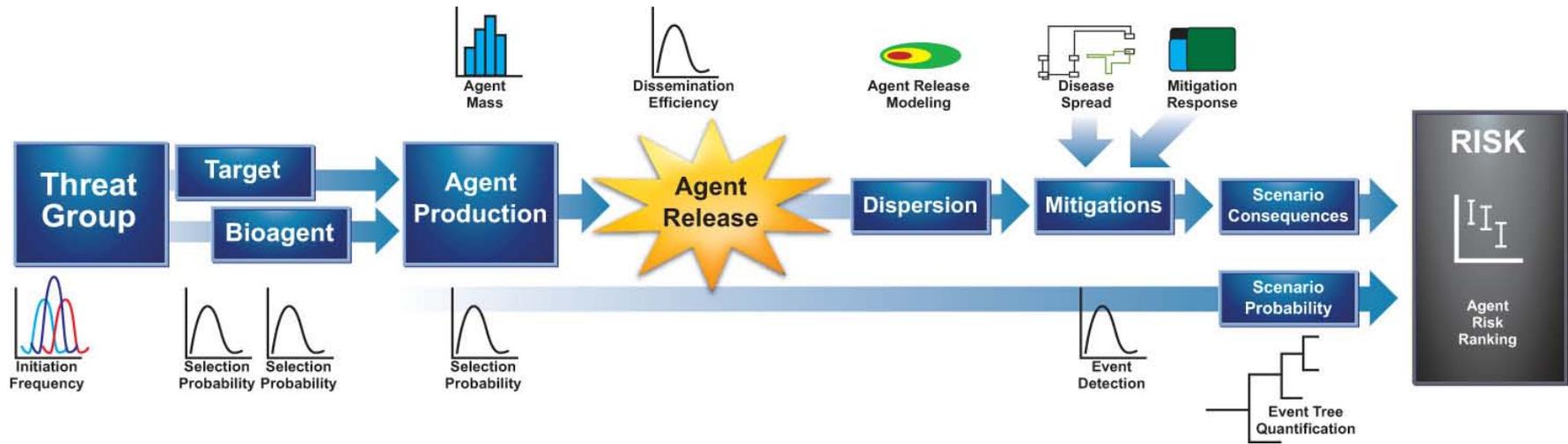
- **S&T Chem-Bio efforts are part of a national strategy as reflected through the requirements of the DHS operational offices**
- **We have already made a difference with first generation systems, e.g.**
 - Risk assessments, net assessments, and guidance help prioritize national investments and strategies
 - Developed and transitioned to operation bio and chem detection systems (BioWatch, BWIC, PROTECT, RDCDS, PHILIS)
 - Operational forensic capabilities
 - Improved protocols and tools for protecting transportation facilities
- **We are currently developing the next generation tools & systems to meet DHS and National requirements**
- **External program assessments review programmatic and/or technical relevance and focus course correction**
 - OPM Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) score is EFFECTIVE (highest)
 - Annual independent programmatic & strategic review is favorable





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Risk Assessments to Guide National Biodefense Investments



Goals:

- Risk assessment capability to inform National priorities
- Prioritize risks for various sorting parameters (e.g., by level of casualty or class of scenarios)
- Identify key vulnerabilities and knowledge gaps

Roadmap

- FY06:** First BTRA 'vetted' and delivered to HSC; used to guide BioShield Material Threat Determinations
- FY08:** BTRA extended to engineered and agricultural threats with the addition of economic consequences
- FY08:** integrated CBRN RA completed



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Risk Assessments, Population Threat Assessments, and HHS Medical Consequence Modeling → Material Threat Determination

BTRA/CTRA (risk of agent associated is related to each other)

- Intel
- Production capacity
- Dissemination efficiency
- Source Strength
- Exposure estimates
- Medical Countermeasure efficacy
- Pathogenesis or Lethality
- Communicability
- Morbidity
- Mortality
- Infectious or Lethal Dose
- Incubation Time
- Economic Impact

PTA

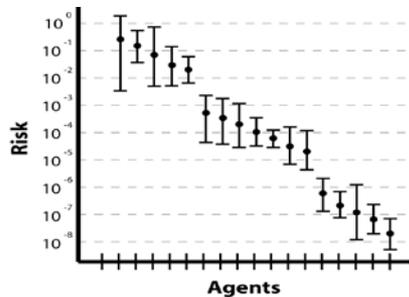
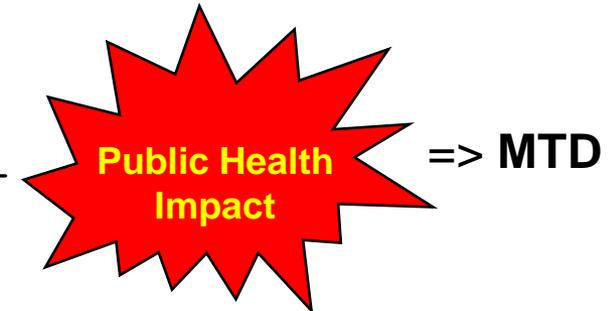
- Intel
- Agent acquisition
- Production capacity
- Dissemination efficiency
- Source strength
- Population Exposed

Population Exposure Estimates

Exposure (CFU)	Column 1 All people are indoors	Column 2 All people are outdoors	Column 3 Baseline scenario: 90% of (Column 1) + 10% of (Column 2)	
≥ 5	5,000 – 10,000	10,000 – 20,000	20,000 – 30,000	Population (people)
	0 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 20	Plume Area (km ²)
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≥ 100	5,000 – 10,000	10,000 – 20,000	20,000 – 30,000	Population (people)
	0 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 20	Plume Area (km ²)

MCM (HHS BARDA)

- Medical Countermeasure efficacy (pre. vs. post. vs. treatment)
- Pathogenesis
- Communicability/transmissibility
- Morbidity
- Mortality
- Infectious Dose
- Incubation Time



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Provides cross-validation of inputs and results.

NBACC Provides Scientific Support for Threat Characterization

Biological Threat Characterization Center (BTCC)

- Conduct threat and risk assessments
- Close key gaps in traditional biological agents
- Develop a strategy for engineered biological agents

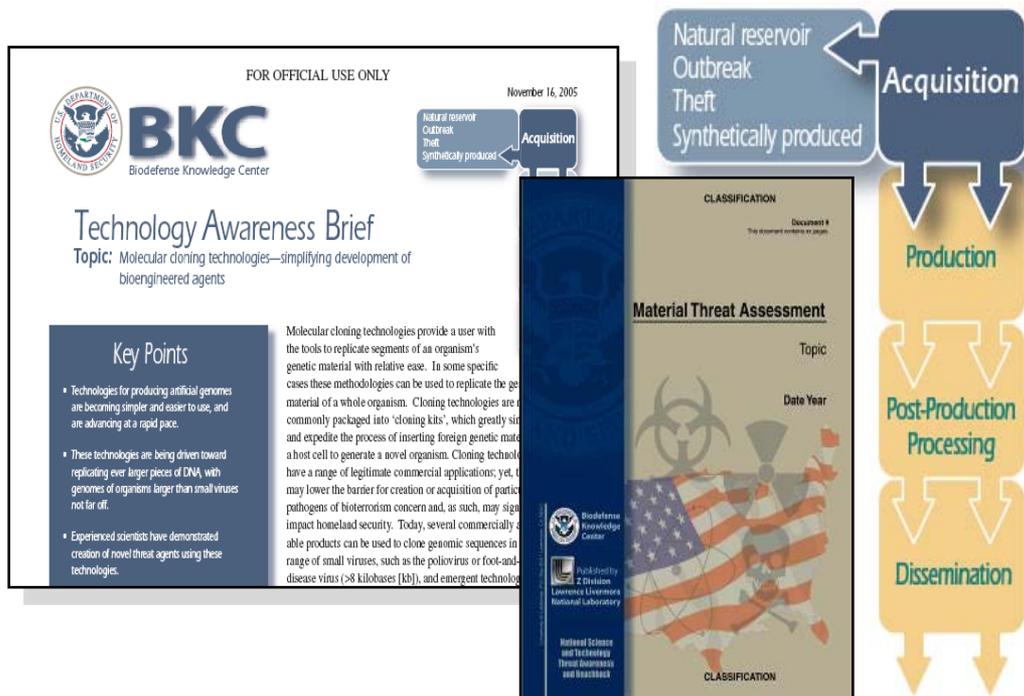
National BioForensics Analysis Center (NBFAC)

- Designated lead national facility for bioforensic analysis



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The Biological Knowledge Center (BKC) rapidly provides bio-threat management information & options



Analysis and operational support

- 24/7 S&T reachback for DHS National Operations Center
- tailored in-depth analysis of biodefense issues

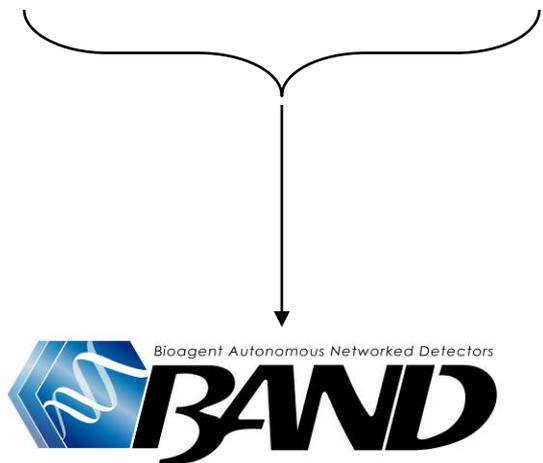
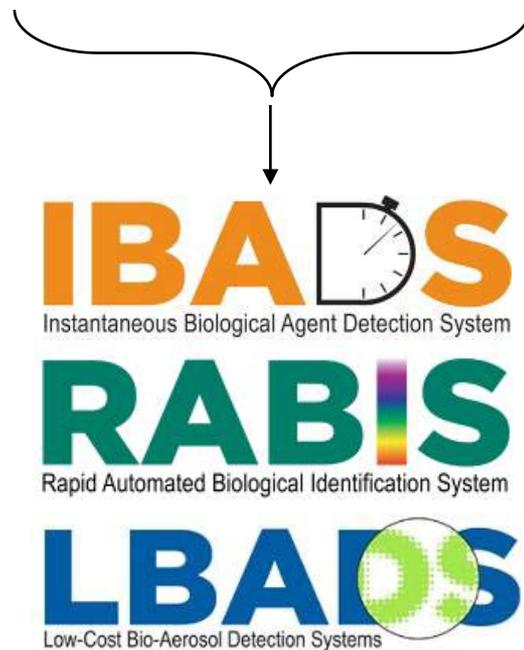
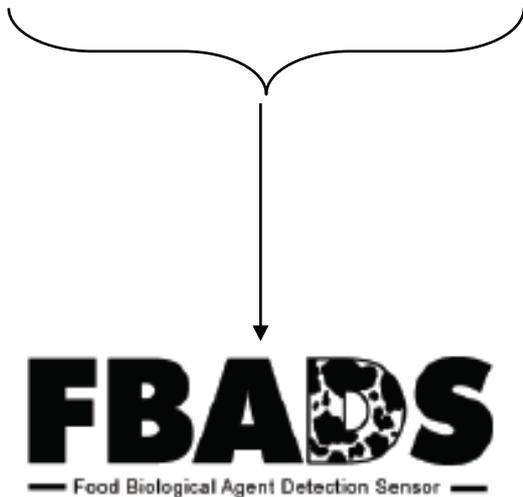
Knowledge discovery tools

- data integration, analysis, and visualization
- deliver software pilots to DHS users to analyze, characterize, and understand biothreats



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Detection Paradigms and Timeline



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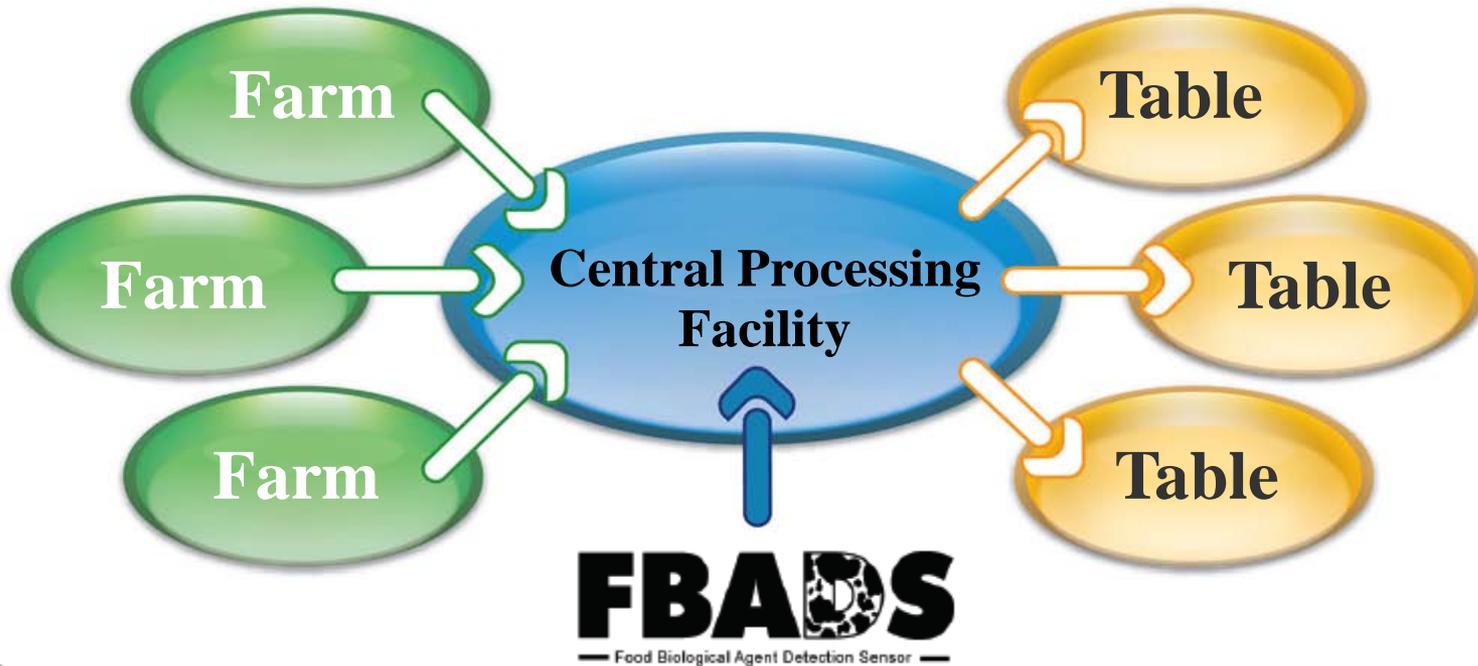
Food Biological Agent Detection Sensor

Goals

- Detectors for use in Central Processing Facilities of the food distribution system, with initial focus on liquid protein products
- Unit Acquisition Cost of \$50K per Unit or Less
- Not impede current food distribution networks

Roadmap

- **FY08:** Validation and transition
- **FY08:** Demonstration of system flexibility – capability to detect other agents
- **FY08:** Pilot demonstration at a milk processing facility



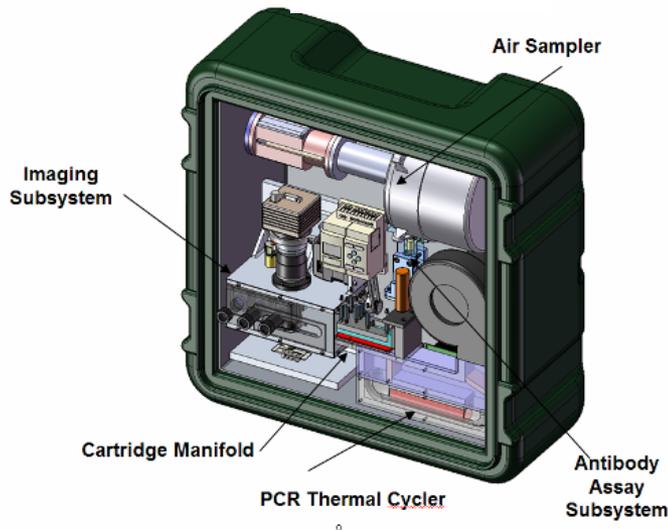
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Rapid Bio-Detection Triggers & Confirmers



Goals

- Trigger sensors providing an alert of an elevation of biological aerosol particles within 2 minutes
- Triggered confirmer sensors to provide species-level identification of threat material within 10 minutes
- Continuously operating confirmer sensors to provide species-level identification of threat material every 2 minutes



Roadmap

FY08: initiate extended field testing of trigger sensors

FY08: BSL-2 level testing of confirmer sensors

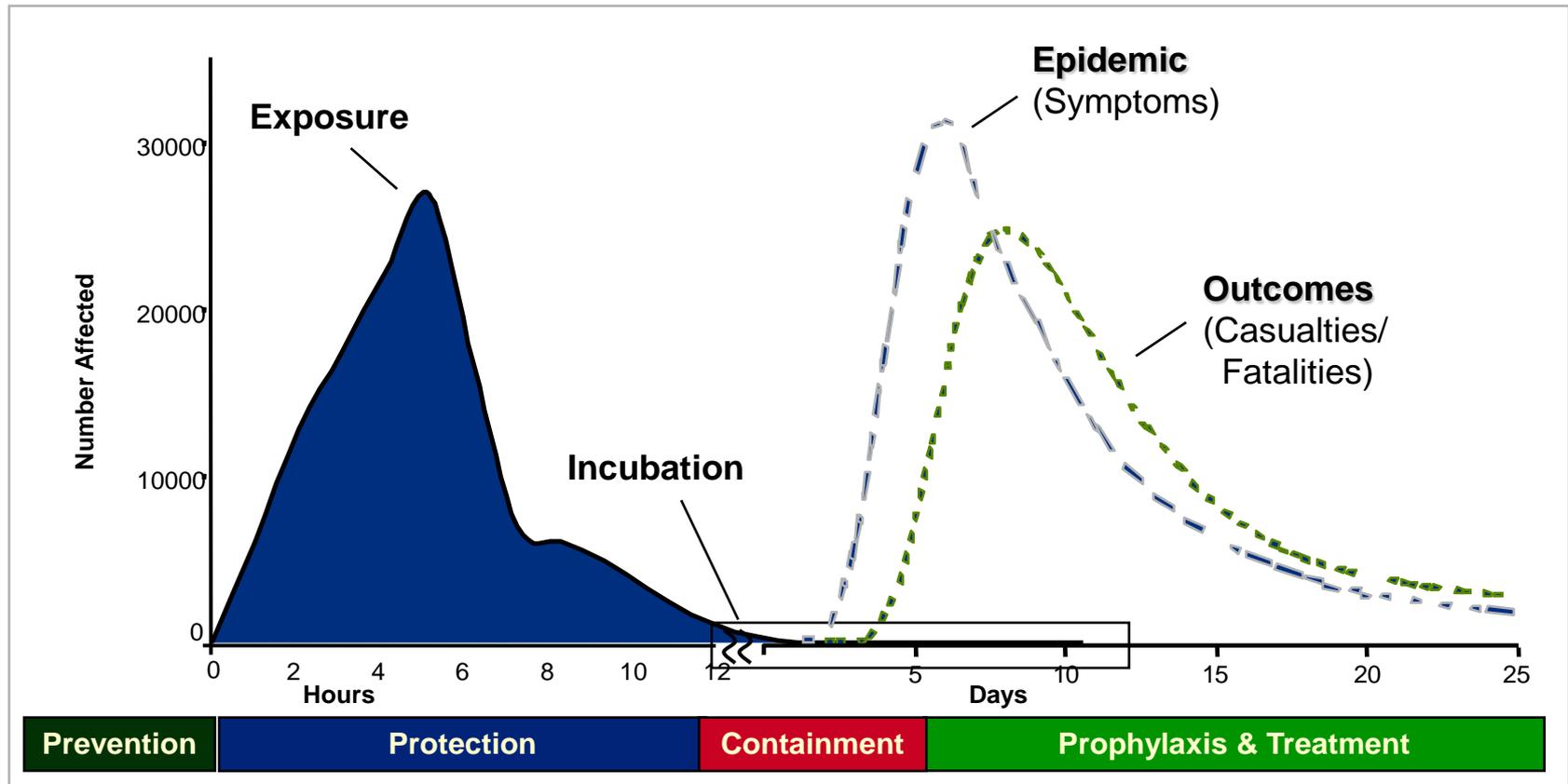
FY09: BSL-3 level testing of confirmer sensors

FY09: initiate extended field testing of confirmer sensors

FY09: pilot testing of trigger and confirmer sensor networks



Early Detection & Treatment Play a Critical Role in the Biodefense Strategy



Aerosol Biothreat Agent Environmental Monitoring

Gen 1 BioWatch (FY03)

- Operating in > 30 cities
- Detect in 12-36hrs
- Over 3M assays without a false positive



Gen 2 BioWatch enhancements (FY05-07)

- 4x increase in collectors in top 10 threat cities
- Critical transportation hubs and special events

Gen 3 BioWatch (FY09-12)

- Fully autonomous, analyzes at same site it collects – 3 to 6 times daily
- Cover a major portion of US population
- Detect a smaller attack than Gen 1
- Per unit operational cost < 25% of current system



Current BioWatch collects air samples & analyzes them in LRN lab



R&D to Develop Next Generation Detection Systems and Assays

Diversify Engineering Challenge

- *Autonomous Multiplexed Micro-fluidic PCR*

Diversify Risk in Two Dimensions

Diversify Scientific Challenge

- *Broadband Approaches for Sequence Diversity*

Gen 3 Detection Systems

- Fully autonomous
- 20 agents (bacteria, viruses, toxins)
- Analyze every 3-6 hrs
- Better sensitivity & specificity than current BioWatch
- Per unit operational costs < 25% of current BioWatch

Major milestones/deliverables

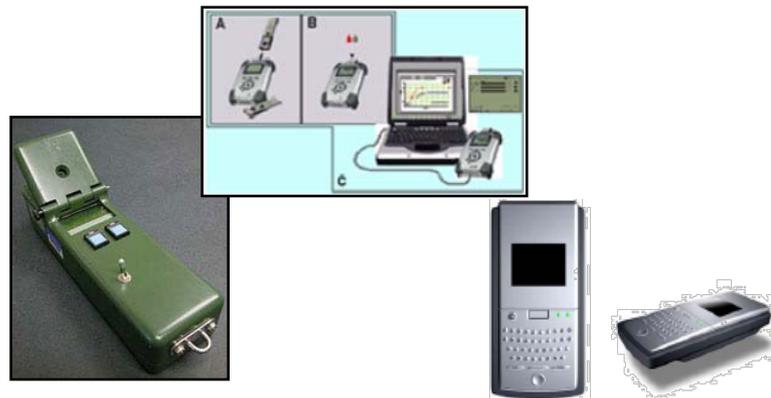
- FY05:** Estimated laboratory feasibility
- FY06:** Develop and test lab prototype
- FY07:** Develop and test field prototype
- FY08:** Phase 3X development
- FY08:** DT&E field test
- FY09:** Transition to OHA; OT&E



FY09 New Starts in Surveillance & Detection R&D

Portable Biological Agent Detector

- Provide capability to test samples for biological threat agents at site of collection
- Reduce possibility of biological agents escaping detection at ports of entry
- Decrease time to resolve “suspicious white powder” events



Viable Bioparticle Capture

- Augments BioWatch information by characterizing the viability of a threat during an attack
- More definitive post-event characterization of bioterrorist events



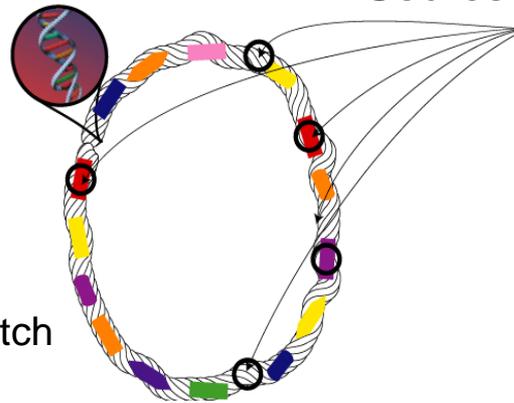
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R&D to Develop Validated, Ultra-High Specificity Bio-Detection Assays

Goals

- Validated assays for Gen 2 & 3 BioWatch
- Operational capability to make high-confidence assays available for private sector and industry use
- Next generation assays for detecting enhanced and advanced threats

Multiple Sources



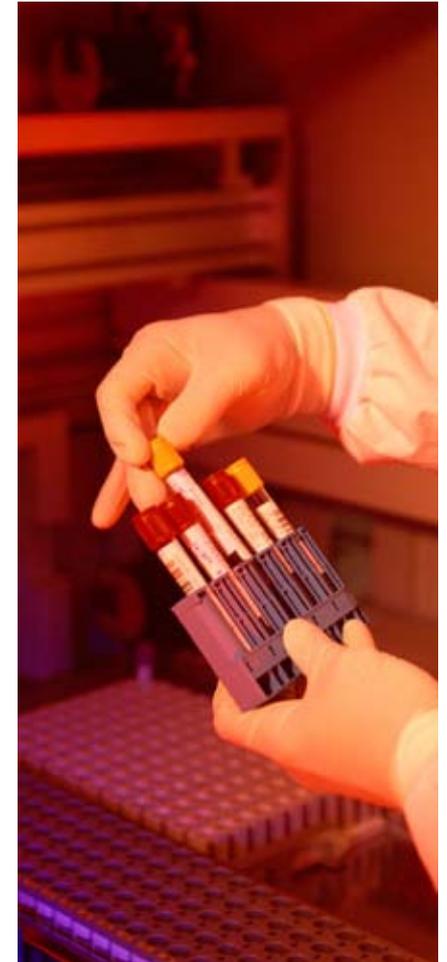
Roadmap

FY08: top 20 assays for Gen 2 BioWatch

FY08: initial set of Gen 3 assays

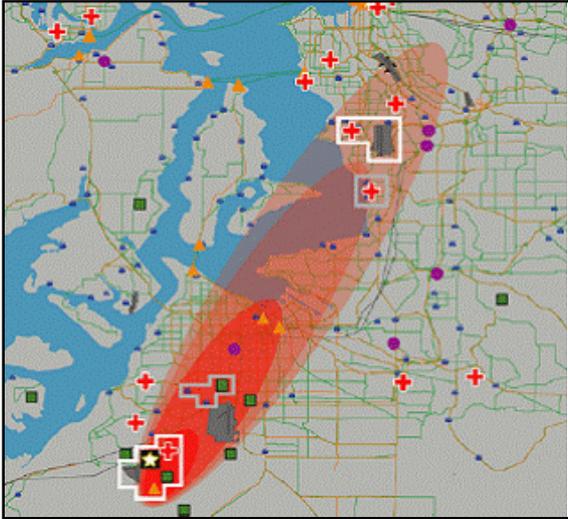
FY08: pilot the process for developing assays for private sector and industry use

FY09: initial operational capability for developing assays for private sector and industry use



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Systems Approaches & Decision Tools to Rapid Response & Recovery



Goals

- Demonstrate systems approached to large scale urban decontamination & recovery
- Develop improved operational tools to support response & recovery

Roadmap

- FY07:** share results of Airport Restoration Demo thru a series of workshops
- FY07:** initiate wide area restoration demo (joint effort with DTRA & Seattle)
- FY08:** guidelines & protocols for bioagent sampling
- FY09:** 'demonstrate' wide area restoration



Forensic Analysis to Support Attribution

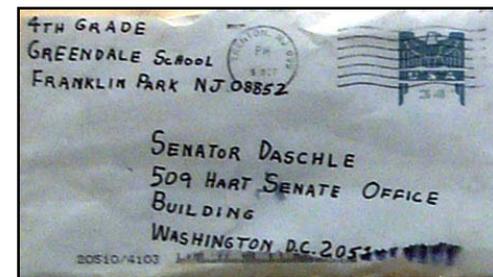
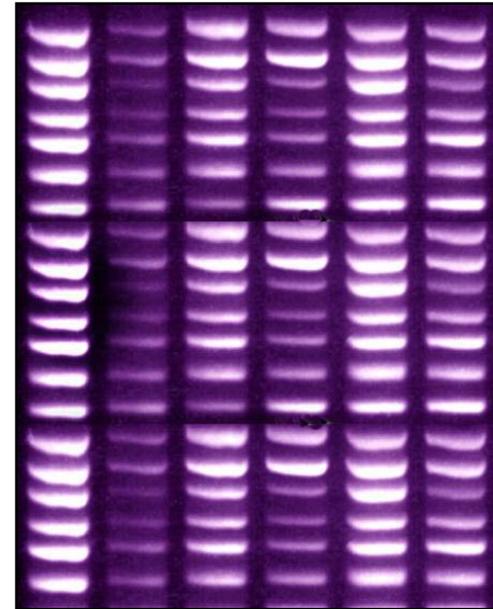
Goals

- National Bioforensics Analysis Center (NBFAC) designated **lead facility for technical analysis**
- Use biological, physical and chemical analysis to **find out how and where agent was made**

Attribution forms the foundation on which deterrence rests – (HSPD-10)

Roadmap

- FY05:** interim NBFAC operational and large operational case load
- FY07:** accredited by International Standards Organization (ISO-17025)
- FY08:** validated assays for top 20 agents
- FY09:** transition operations to the new NBACC facility
- FY09:** validated assays for the top 30 agents



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CBD agrodefense programs result from interagency planning focusing on foreign animal disease (FAD) mitigation

FAD Modeling

FMD outbreak decision support tools that enhance our ability to respond to outbreaks

- National scale epidemiological, transportation system & economic impacts models
- Joint Modeling Assessment Center (USDA & DHS)
- Research & Policy for Infectious Disease Dynamics (NIH & DHS)
- National Institute for Mathematical & Biological Synthesis (NSF & DHS)

FAD Vaccines & Diagnostics

Characterize the effectiveness of current vaccines

Develop new vaccines that can speed the onset of immunity and distinguish infected from uninfected animals for foreign animal diseases.

- Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD; 10 major variants)
- Rift Valley Fever (RVF)

Deployment of high-throughput assays for detection of high consequence animal diseases

The S&T led interagency Joint Agro Defense Office provides coordination & oversight of the integrated agro-defense program formulated under the National Science and Technology Council



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Agrodefense

Plum Island is an integral part of the DHS & USDA strategy



PIADC is responsible for **protecting the Nation against animal diseases** that could accidentally or deliberately be introduced into the country. R&D work is coordinated to address the needs of the Nation and is executed by leveraging the expertise of **DHS, USDA/ARS** and **USDA/APHIS**.

Net assessment of the FAD threat

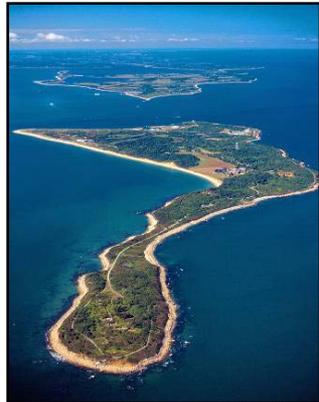
- Animals as aerosol generators;
- Viral stability/survivability

Assays & diagnostics

- National and international validation;
- Enhance diagnostics capacity
- New bioforensics capability

Vaccines and therapeutics

- Improve on current vaccines;
- Explore vaccine alternatives;
- Develop anti-virals

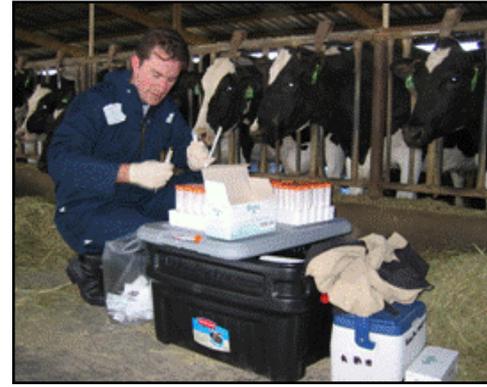


New National Bio- and Agrodefense Facility (NBAF) preferred site selected to be Manhattan, KA

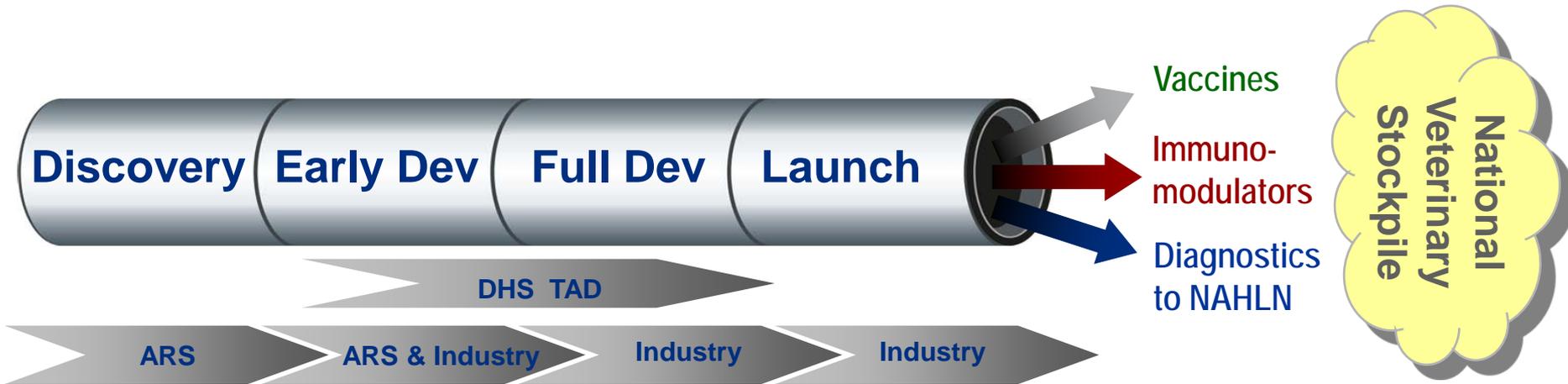


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Defense Against Foreign Animal Diseases

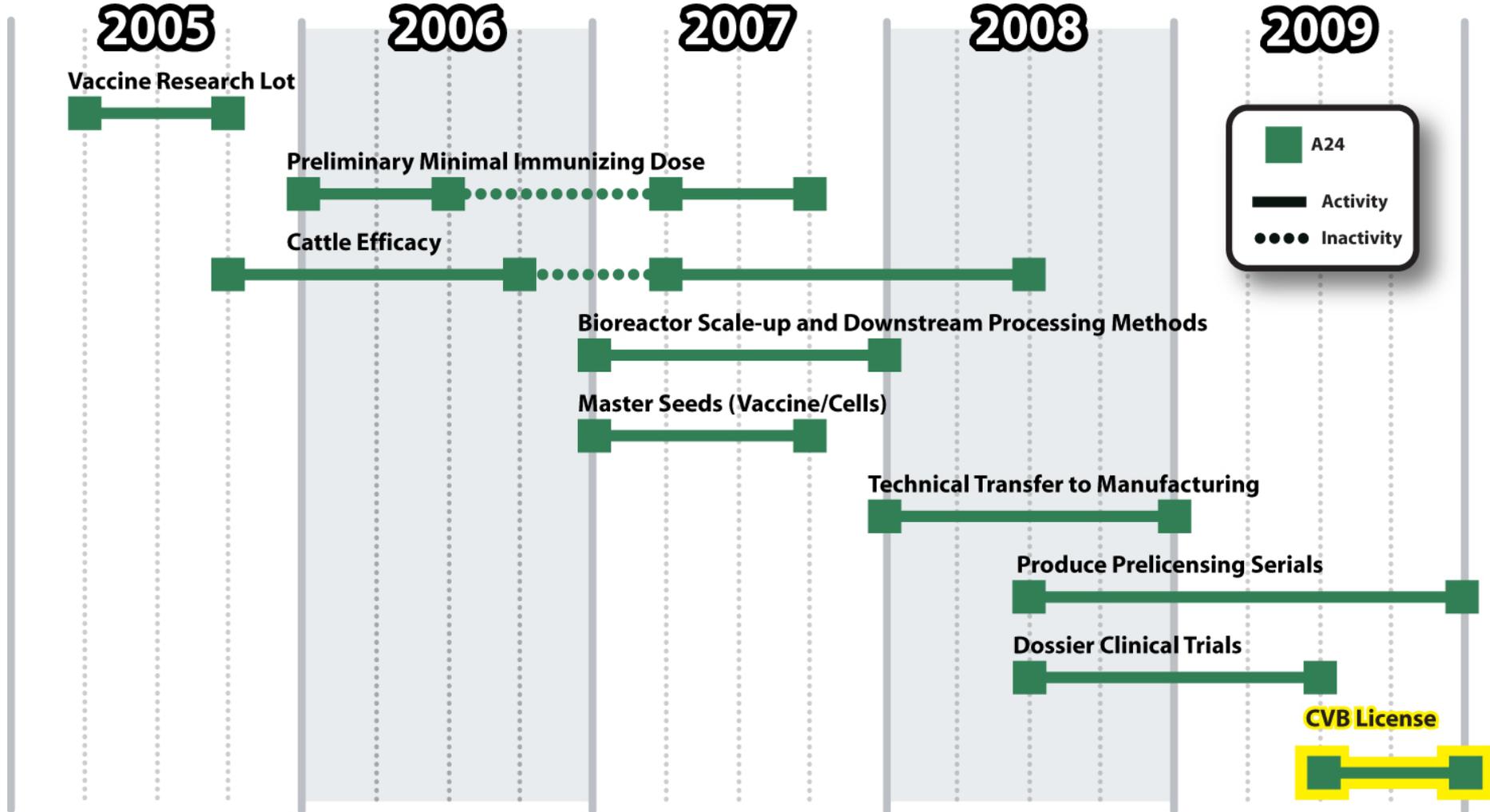


Develop & transfer high-throughput diagnostics



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Developing Next-Generation FMD vaccines



Chemical Defense Program Structure



Organized into three “Enhanced Homeland Security Capabilities” (EHC)

- **Chemical Analysis** (threat awareness and attribution) – provides fundamental knowledge that shapes problem understanding
- **Detection** – develops and demonstrates solutions to promote situational awareness
- **Response and Recovery** – develop solutions to enhance return to normal state

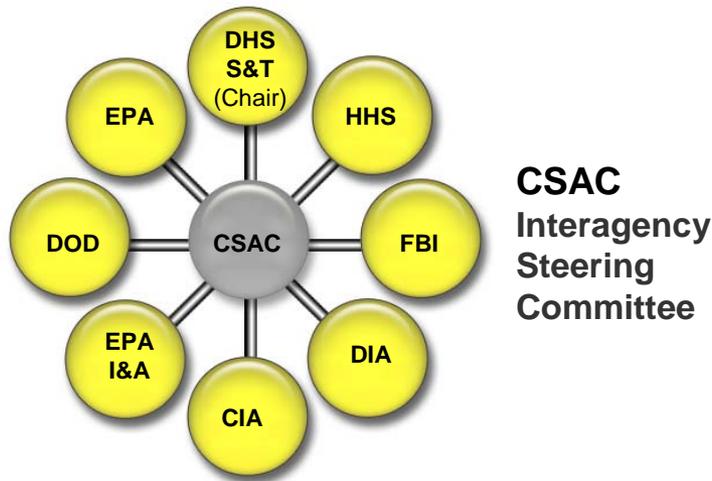
Addresses broad spectrum of chemical threats (chemical warfare agents, toxic industrial chemicals, non-traditional agents)

Coordinated with and leverages DoD and EPA efforts



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Chemical Analysis Provides Threat Awareness and Attribution



Goals

- Conduct threat risk assessments to inform national priorities
- Assess improved agent transport models to describe impacts of attacks on chem infrastructure
- Develop forensics tools and conduct operational analyses as required

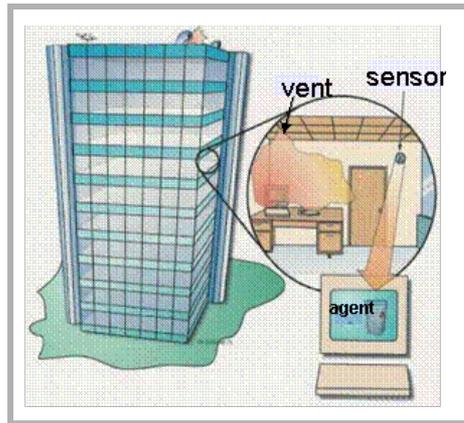
Roadmap

- FY06:** interim Chemical Security Analysis Center (CSAC) established at ECBC
- FY07:** validated methodologies for G-agents
- FY08:** First Chemical Risk Assessment complete
- FY08:** validated methodologies for V-agents
- FY09:** complete assessment of chemical dispersion models and down-stream impacts



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Detection is Developing Systems for Facility Monitoring & for First Responders



Facility Warning System (ARFCAM)

Goals

- integrated protection systems for facilities
- rapidly deployable systems for special events and first responders
- detection of low vapor pressure chemicals on surfaces
- integrated CBRN detection architecture
- Commercialize & make available thru DHS Office of Grants & Training (DHS G&T)

Roadmap

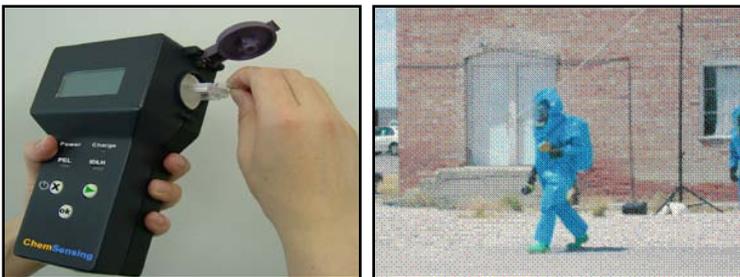
FY04: transitioned the PROTECT subway system to commercial availability (DHS G&T)

FY05: develop a deployable system with ground & air components

FY06-07: lab prototypes of next generation facility warning & first responder detection systems

FY08: pilot integrated ChemBio architecture

FY09-10: fieldable prototypes of ARFCAM, LACIS



Responder Hand-held Detection Tool(LACIS)



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Response & Recovery Develops Protocols & Tools to Rapid Recovery



Field Trial of Prototype Mobile Labs

Goals

- Demonstrated systems approaches to restoration of critical facilities
- Prototype fixed and mobile laboratory capability to support the recovery

Roadmap

FY07: demo mobile lab capability; prototype 3 fixed laboratories in high threat regions

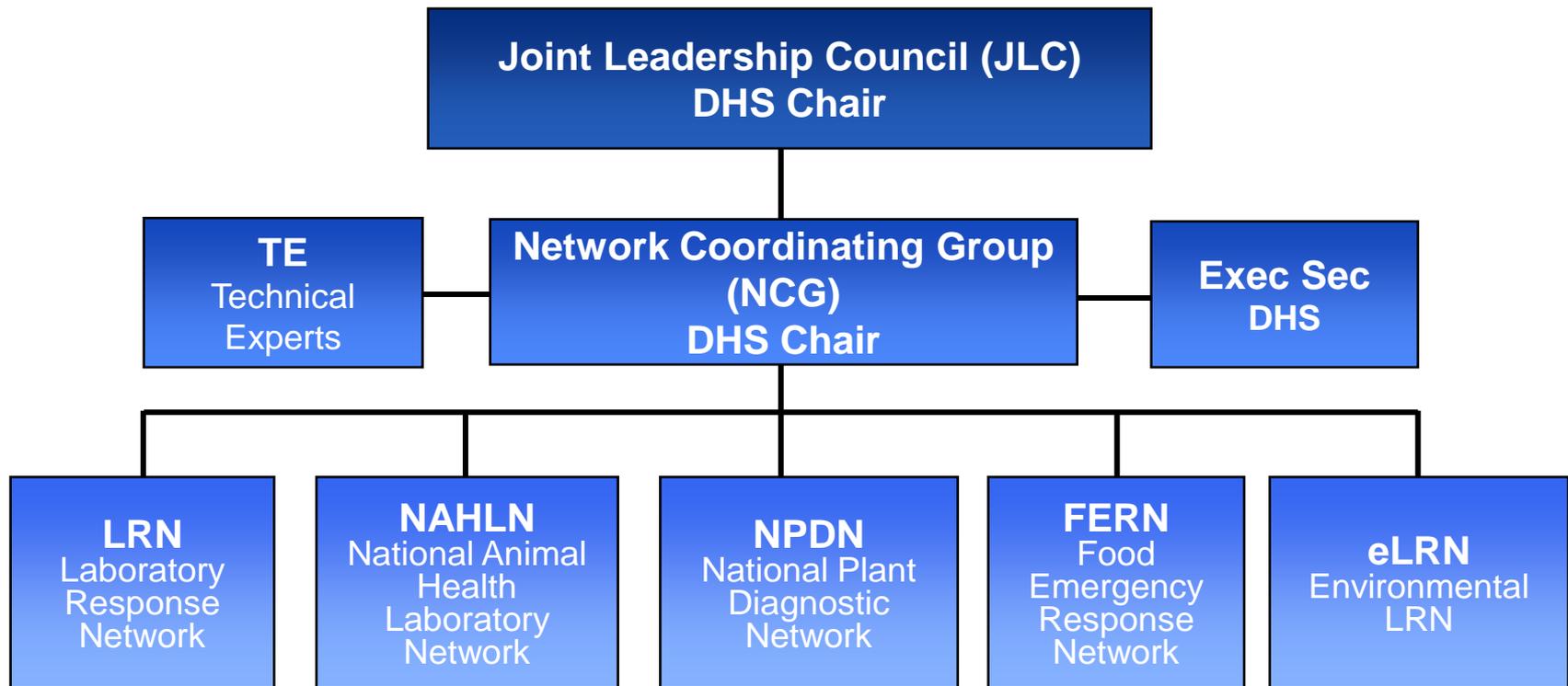
FY08: prototype and transition mobile lab to the EPA; prototype 2 additional fixed labs

FY08: airport restoration table top exercise and restoration plan

FY09: airport restoration demo



Integrated Consortium of Laboratory Networks (ICLN)



Key interagency players include **DHS, EPA, DoD, CDC, FDA, USDA, NIST, FBI, DOS, and DOE**



Successful Transition of Major Programs to Our Customers

Gen 1, 2 BioWatch



Rapidly Deployable Chem Detection System (RDCDS)



BioWarning & IncidentQ Characterization System (BWIC)



Mobile Chemical Lab (PHILIS) to EPA



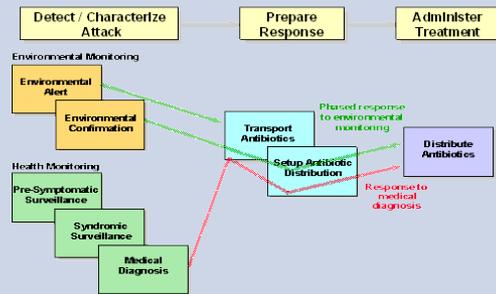
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1st Bio Net Assessment

Biodefense Architecture Elements

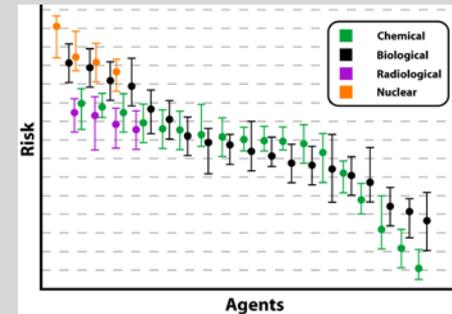
• Outdoor aerosol Anthrax attack



Category A Characterization Assays for Bioforensics



CBRN Risk Assessments



Interim Plan for Wide Area Bio Restoration

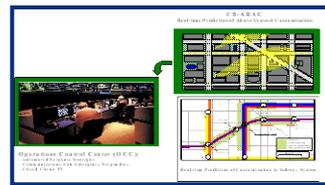
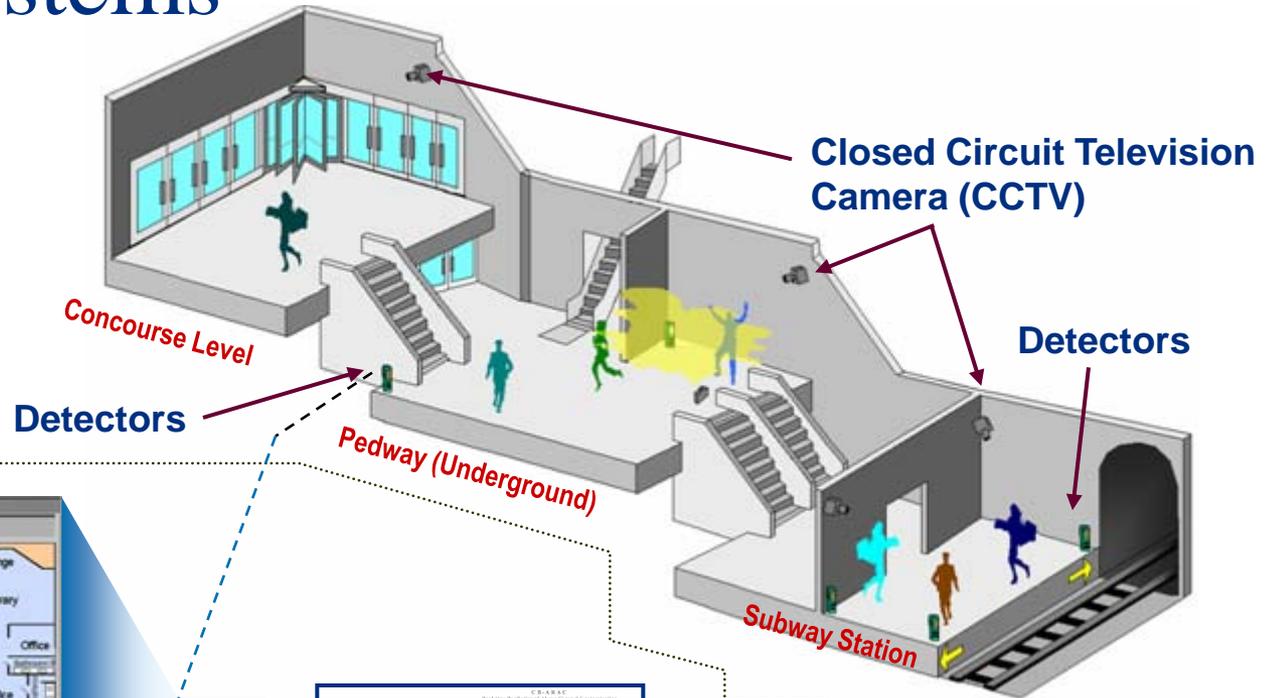


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PROTECT: Chemical Early Warning System for Transit Systems

Demonstration completed 2003

This program has transitioned and is an allowable expenditure under the Transit Security Grants Program



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Challenges

- Rapid Detection of the Unknown Threat

- Engineered
- Advanced threat

- Rapid Interrogation of Containers, Suitcases, etc. for Chem/Bio

- Microbial Forensics

- Fingerprint libraries vs. novel methods for rapid strain identification

- Wide Area Restoration

- Rapid characterization of large areas
- Actionable information from microbial risk assessments

