The Need For An Effective Partnership
In Support of Homeland Security:
The Role of Private Sector Emergency Response Contractors

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Exxon Valdez – Prince William Sound, Alaska - 1989
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Powell-Duffryn Chemical Facility Fire – Savannah, GA - 1995
Chemical Plating Facility Fire – Detroit, MI - 2001
Results of SCAA Spring 2003 Survey of Emergency Response Contractors Nationwide – Response Capabilities (308 companies surveyed – 76 respondents):

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<th>Response Type</th>
<th>Number of Contractors</th>
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<td>LEVEL A RESPONSE</td>
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<td>HAZMAT RESPONSE</td>
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SCAA Survey of “Anthrax” Responses:

1,497 Separate Responses to “Unknown Substances” (e.g. white powders, etc.) in the aftermath of 9/11

Estimating 6 personnel per response – Over 8,900 encounters with unknown, potentially weapons material by trained and qualified personnel from the private sector

This does not include the decontamination of the Hart Building and Post Offices which were confirmed to be weapon materials (also performed by private sector contractors)
Suggestions Regarding The Role of the Private Sector in Homeland Security Response Planning and Operations:

• Continuously harmonize the efforts of the public and private sector through joint planning, training and exercises.

• Work together on the local level through existing programs such as the Area Committees.

• Share innovations in technologies and techniques.

• Provide adequate funding to the private sector to keep its response capability at a high level.
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• **Section 508**, entitled Use of National Private Sector Networks in Emergency Response, reads as follows: “To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall use national private sector networks and infrastructure for emergency response to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive disasters, and other major disasters.”
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- **Section 509**, entitled Use of Commercially Available Technology, Goods, and Services, reads in part: “It is the sense of Congress that . . . in order to further the policy of the United States to avoid competing commercially with the private sector, the Secretary should rely on commercial sources to supply the goods and services needed by the Department.”
Together, we - as the public and private sector - have done our jobs well.

We recognize the transition that is occurring,

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