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InfraGard Hosts Border Security Forum

Washington, DC – The InfraGard National Members Alliance (INMA) held the latest in its series of critical sector forums by examining border security issues with Michael Fisher (Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol), Donna Bucella (Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Intelligence and Investigative Liaison at U.S. Customs and Border Protection) and Pat Maher (Senior Intelligence Analyst with Booz Allen Hamilton). INMA Chairman Dr. Kathleen Kiernan and Rick Saunders (Vice President at Booz Allen Hamilton), welcomed the distinguished panel and a full room of leaders from the public and private sectors.

“The men and women who protect our borders deserve both our gratitude and our admiration; they are one of the nation's most critical resources” said INMA Chairman Dr. Kathleen Kiernan. She added “their mission is extraordinarily complex and extends well beyond natural land borders.”

Rick Saunders, Vice President at Booz Allen Hamilton remarked “We are pleased to have an opportunity to sponsor this session and contribute to the dialog with leaders from across the public and private sectors. Booz Allen Hamilton maintains its commitment to supporting our country on these important issues.”

Michael J. Fisher is the Chief of the U.S Border Patrol. In this role he is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, and directing enforcement programs designed to secure our Nation's borders and greatly increase the probability that terrorists and terrorist weapons, as well as smugglers of humans, narcotics, and other contraband, will be deterred from entering the United States, or detected and apprehended after entry. Chief Fisher entered duty with the U.S. Border Patrol in 1987 and has served in numerous locations throughout his career including Tucson, El Paso, and Detroit.

Donna Bucella was appointed in August 2010 to serve as the Assistant Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Intelligence and Investigative Liaison. Prior to joining CBP, Ms. Bucella served as an attorney with the law firm of Foley and Lardner. She also has served in the U.S. Army and retired at the rank of Colonel. Ms. Bucella has an extensive background in intelligence, law enforcement, terrorist screening, and security. She served as the first Director of the Terrorist Screening Center at the FBI. There she directed the first consolidation of all terrorist watch lists and developed the coordination of anti-terrorism efforts between law enforcement, the military, DHS, the private sector, and the intelligence communities.

Pat Maher is a widely respected senior intelligence analyst with more than 36 years of experience, focusing particularly on Latin American political, security, and economic issues. As National Intelligence Officer for the Western Hemisphere from 2005-2009, he prepared National

Intelligence Estimates (NIEs) and other strategic assessments. He also briefed President Bush, other senior US policymakers, top intelligence officials, and the presidents of two large Latin American countries. Prior to that position Mr. Maher held other senior management positions, including as deputy director of two large Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) offices.

The attendees included leaders from the FBI, DHS, DoD, the military services, the intelligence community, academia, and the private sector.

About InfraGard and the InfraGard National Members Alliance

The InfraGard Program began in 1996 as a collaborative effort between private sector cyber professionals and the FBI field office in Cleveland Ohio. The FBI later expanded the program to each of the FBI's 56 field offices. In 2003 the private sector members of InfraGard formed the "InfraGard National Members Alliance" (INMA). The INMA is a non-profit Delaware LLC with 501(c)3 status. The INMA LLC is comprised of 86 separate 501(c)3 InfraGard Member Alliances (IMAs) representing over 45,000 FBI-vetted, InfraGard Subject Matter Experts. The INMA has a dual-focus value proposition. First, InfraGard provides its members with unmatched opportunities to promote the physical and cyber security of their organizations, through access to a trusted, national network of Subject Matter Experts from the public and private sectors. Secondly, it provides government stakeholders, at the local, state, and Federal levels, with unmatched access to the expertise and experience of critical infrastructure owners and operators.

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