

HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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The Partnership is acutely aware of the critical need to be prepared for, respond to and recover from both natural and human-caused disasters and understands that government cannot carry this burden without active involvement of the private sector. It is imperative that businesses have access to the necessary tools and information for maintaining continuity in the event of a disaster. It is also important for the business community to work with governments at all level to foster active public-private partnerships and develop strategies to protect the nation's critical infrastructure, facilitate information sharing and spur public-private engagement to effectively manage all types of hazards.

The Partnership Supports:

- The efforts of and engagement with the Safeguard Iowa Partnership, the U.S. Chamber National Security, Emergency Preparedness Department and others to continue to develop public-private partnerships with the federal, state and local governments to enhance homeland security and emergency preparedness efforts.
- The construction of new Federal Courthouse facilities for the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa.
- The Home Base Iowa Initiative and encourages Congress to pass legislation and encourage the Administration to provide greater opportunities for veterans.
- The Governor and Adjutant General's efforts to modernize the Technician Act for all technicians and minimize those current technicians set to convert to only those that do not greatly impact military readiness.
- Implementation of the Readiness Center Transformation Master Plan, thus supporting quality infrastructure for the readiness of the Army National Guard.
- Recruiting technical companies to the Des Moines area that are attracted by the increased STEM expertise that is available at the Iowa Air National Guard 132d Wing (132d Wing).
- Adding both equipment and manpower to the 132nd Wing to increase support to government and private emergency management response. Two such capabilities would include basing the MQ-9 Reaper aircraft at the Des Moines International Airport to provide unmatched disaster assessment and awareness to responders, and an Air National Guard Prime Power capability to provide critical generator power during disaster response.