

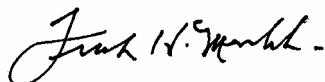
**THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution Supporting the Establishment of a National Homeland Security
Consortium with Members Representing Appropriate State and Local
Stakeholder Organizations**

- WHEREAS**, interagency and intergovernmental coordination is critical to effective homeland security organizations, policies and systems; and
- WHEREAS**, there is a need for state and local governments to have input into national homeland security strategies, plans and programs and to have regular interface with the federal government and Congress on homeland security issues; and
- WHEREAS**, consensus building and partnership among state and local governments is the best way to influence national policy, as well as to enhance their own preparedness efforts; and
- WHEREAS**, NEMA has successfully facilitated the bringing together of key state and local emergency preparedness and response organizations as well as elected officials under the auspices of the NEMA Homeland Security Committee; and
- WHEREAS**, partner organizations have met twice in the past year and realize the importance and the value of a unified approach to homeland security; and
- WHEREAS**, to gain full support and participation by all partner organizations there is a need for an entity that is independent from any single organization;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Council of State Governments supports the establishment of a National Homeland Security Consortium to include members representing all appropriate state and local stakeholder organizations, including CSG.

Adopted this 18th Day, 2004, at the
CSG Spring Committee and Task Force Meeting
In St. Paul, Minnesota



Governor Frank Murkowski
2004 CSG President



State Senator John Hottinger
2004 CSG Chair

PROPOSED NATIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY CONSORTIUM

Proposed Joint Stakeholder Organization

National Homeland Security Consortium

Draft Vision Statement

The National Homeland Security Consortium (or other name) has proven itself to be a forum of key organizations for effective national collaboration that has positively influenced homeland security policy and strategies essential to America's victory in the war on terrorism.

Consortium Characteristics

Apolitical

Interdisciplinary Focus

Strategic Thinking

Strategic Communications

Sounding Board for DHS, HHS, other federal agencies, and Congress

Forum for Exchange

Opportunity

Proposed Membership

Adjutants General Association of the United States

American Public Works Association

Association of Public Safety Communications Officials

Association of State & Territorial Health Officials

The Council of State Governments

International Association of Emergency Managers

International Association of Chiefs of Police

International Association of Fire Chiefs

International City/County Management Association

National Association of Counties

National Association of County & City Health Officials

National Association of State Emergency Medical Service Directors

National Conference of State Legislatures

National Emergency Management Association

National Governors' Association

National League of Cities

National Sheriffs' Association

U.S. Conference of Mayors

State Homeland Security Advisors

50 Urban Area Security Initiative Cities

Others TBD

Consortium Charter

Mission

Vision

Membership – Composition, Selection, Terms, Removal

Member Responsibilities

Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Voting

Meetings and Notices

Committees

Budget and Expenses

Dissolution

Amendments