

## Homeland Head Announces New 6-Point Security Agenda

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced a new six-point agenda to ensure that its policies and operations are best aligned to address potential threats facing the United States. In announcing the points, DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff noted, "Our department must drive improvement with a sense of urgency. Our enemy constantly changes and adapts, so we as a department must be nimble and decisive."

According to Chertoff, the risk-driven agenda will:

- Increase overall preparedness, particularly for catastrophic events,
- Create better transportation-security systems to move people and cargo more securely and efficiently,
- Strengthen border security and immigration processes,
- Enhance information-sharing with department partners,
- Improve the department's administration, *and*
- Realign DHS to maximize mission performance.

He also announced a number of steps to support those goals, including reaching out to state homeland security officials and comprehensive approach to securing U.S. borders through additional personnel, new technologies, and infrastructure changes. DHS plans to improve its preparedness efforts to protect high-risk targets.