

## Information-Sharing Resources

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### InfraGard®

InfraGard is an information-sharing and analysis effort serving the interests and combining the knowledge base of a wide range of members. At its most basic level, InfraGard is a partnership between the FBI and the private sector. InfraGard is an association of businesses, academic institutions, State and local law enforcement agencies, and other participants dedicated to sharing information and intelligence to prevent hostile acts against the United States.



InfraGard members gain access to information that enables them to protect their assets and in turn provide information to the Government that facilitates its responsibilities to prevent and address terrorism and other crimes.

For more information about InfraGard and to apply for membership, refer to the InfraGard Web site at <http://www.infragard.net>.

### Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS)

Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS.gov) is a Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency program. LLIS.gov serves as the national, online network of lessons learned, best practices, and innovative ideas for the emergency management and homeland security communities. This information and collaboration resource helps emergency response providers and homeland security officials prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other emergencies. LLIS.gov provides Federal, State, and local responders and emergency managers with a wealth of information and front-line expertise on effective planning, training, and operational practices across homeland security functional areas.



Individuals involved in emergency response and homeland security from all levels and disciplines are eligible to join LLIS.gov. You can request access by registering on the LLIS Web site at <http://www.llis.dhs.gov/membership.do>.

### Information-Sharing and Fusion Centers

Information-sharing and fusion centers provide time-sensitive threat information for their area of responsibility. They coordinate the collection, analysis, and dissemination of law enforcement, homeland security, public safety, and terrorism information for a region or sector.

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Examples of information-sharing and fusion centers include:

- State and major urban fusion centers.
- Regional Information Sharing System and Automated Trusted Information Exchange.
- Information Sharing and Analysis Centers.

### State and Major Urban Fusion Centers

State and major urban fusion centers (fusion centers) serve as focal points within the State and local environment for the receipt, analysis, gathering, and sharing of threat-related information between the Federal Government and State, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) and private-sector partners.

Located in States and major urban areas throughout the country, fusion centers are uniquely situated to empower front-line law enforcement, public safety, fire service, emergency response, public health, critical infrastructure protection, and private-sector security personnel to understand local implications of national intelligence, thus enabling local officials to better protect their communities. Fusion centers provide interdisciplinary expertise and situational awareness to inform decisionmaking at all levels of government. They conduct analysis and facilitate information sharing while assisting law enforcement and homeland security partners in preventing, protecting against, and responding to crime and terrorism.



Fusion centers are owned and operated by State and local entities with support from Federal partners in the form of deployed personnel, training, technical assistance, exercise support, security clearances, connectivity to Federal systems, technology, and grant funding.

Fusion center contact information is maintained by the National Fusion Center Association at <http://www.nfcausa.org>.

### Regional Information Sharing System (RISS)<sup>®</sup> and Automated Trusted Information Exchange (ATIX)<sup>™</sup>

RISS is a national program composed of six regional intelligence centers, operating in unique multistate geographic regions. RISS offers services to local, State, Federal, and tribal law enforcement and criminal justice agencies to enhance their ability to identify, target, and remove criminal conspiracies and activities spanning multijurisdictional, multistate and, sometimes, international boundaries.

RISS supports investigation and prosecution efforts against terrorism, drug trafficking, human trafficking, identity theft, cybercrime, organized criminal activity,

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criminal gangs, violent crime, and other regional priorities, while promoting officer safety. RISS provides information-sharing services, investigative analysis support, equipment sharing, investigative funds support, training, and technical assistance to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies that are members of RISS.

RISS launched the Automated Trusted Information Exchange (ATIX) to expand communication and information sharing to public safety and private-sector officials. RISS ATIX is a communications system that allows authorized users to share terrorism and homeland security information in a secure, real-time environment.

Participants are designated into specific communities based on their role regarding the prevention, response, mitigation, and recovery efforts related to disasters or other public safety or law enforcement efforts. RISS ATIX communities include executives and officials from local, county, State, and tribal governments, representatives of emergency management and law enforcement entities, and other entities involved in local and national security or disaster recovery efforts, such as nongovernmental entities, private security, and critical sector entities.

If you are an official or executive staff member from a governmental or nongovernmental entity involved with planning and implementing prevention, response, mitigation, and recovery efforts regarding disasters or other public safety and law enforcement efforts, contact your in-region RISS Center (<http://www.riss.net/Centers/Centers>) for additional information about how to connect to ATIX.

## **Information Sharing and Analysis Centers**

The goal of Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs) is to provide users with accurate, actionable, and relevant information within a particular critical infrastructure sector.

Services provided by ISACs include risk mitigation, incident response, alert and information sharing. Member benefits vary across the ISACs and can include: access to a 24/7 security operations center, briefings, white papers, threat calls, webinars, and anonymous owner/operator reporting.

Critical infrastructure owners and operators, through the ISAC, can share and analyze physical and cyber infrastructure protection information within the particular sector. The ISAC's analyses are shared within the sector, with other sectors, and with government.

For more information on Information Sharing and Analysis Centers and a list of the ISACs, refer to the National Council of ISACs Web page (<http://www.isaccouncil.org>).