

UK Trade & Investment South West

North America Homeland Security Seminar

Thursday 11th March 2010 - Leigh Court, Bristol

Exploring opportunities in the North American HLS market with a specific focus on growth areas for South West business

The seminar will centre on a half day round table discussion on key technology themes; including:

- **Domestic and Foreign Intelligence** - particularly data-mining software and devices for intercepting communications signals
- **Border and Physical Security** - particularly barriers, patrols and surveillance, and computer networks that integrate these elements
- **Biological, Radiological and Chemical Agent Prevention** - detection devices, vaccines and products that can lock down radioactive particles
- **Emergency Preparedness and Response** - improved command and control systems
- **Aviation Security** - biometrics identification, passenger and baggage screening, anti-missile technologies
- **Port Security** - cargo screening and container tracking
- **Advanced Communication Technologies** - for emergency services / cross service radio systems
- **Arctic Surveillance** - UAV's / drone technology, maritime tracking, technology compatible with extreme climates

In May 2009, the US Homeland Security Department requested a \$55.1bn budget for FY 2010, which will be used to improve the country's technological capabilities, and would be focused on five main areas – border security; immigration laws enforcement; disaster preparedness, response and recovery; and department unification.

In 2008 Canada launched the \$490bn, 20 year First Defence Strategy Plan. The Plan identifies improvements in all aspects of defence and homeland security from equipment procurement to personnel recruitment. Within the homeland security elements, Canada requires technologies for port protection, communications and coastal surveillance.

The discussions will be led by:

- Nigel Crowe** – UKTI South West Homeland Security Sector Specialist
Kevin Thorpe – UKTI Business Specialist Canada/USA
Dr Andrew Hinton – UKTI Business Specialist USA
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