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SecureGOV 2006 Panel Presentation
Disaster Management and Planning in the Modern World

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Virginia Beach, VA—One of the highlights of the program for SecureGOV 2006 was a panel discussion on Disaster Management and Planning in the Modern World. The presentation focused on emerging threats, infrastructure reliability, potential failures and communication across existing networks, frequency congestions and tele-com challenges. Leading the panel was John Hooder, Senior Security Engineer, Department of Defense; Lenny Superville, Chief Information Officer, State of North Carolina; and George Welles III, Vice Chair, Advisory Group, University of Minnesota.

Lenny Superville stated that "The United States and its allies are faced with a host of new and emerging threats ranging from worldwide climate change to global terrorism. There are a number of responses we can use to mitigate these and other threats facing us. We will be judged by the effectiveness and timeliness of our solutions."

George Welles posed several questions an organization should ask themselves when developing their emergency plan. Common things to think about are having a back up wireless communication, having sufficient stock to continue business, and maintaining physical security of your office. Welles commented on the need to take telawork seriously and how important it is to train your organization to work remotely. Should there be an emergency in the office you will need to have staff that are equipped to work from home such as cell phones, wireless internet and ways to access information that is kept on the main server.

All three panelists agreed that there are several threats from viruses, hackers and equipment threats that America might face and there is a need to prepare for these threats as much as possible. One way to prepare ourselves is to educate our leaders and the general public on what can be done on both an individual and group level.

Through a mix of keynote presentations, interactive think-tanks, roundtables, workshops and strategic knowledge exchanges, the US Government's elite evaluated key strategies and technologies essential to overcoming top security challenges currently facing the public sector. In addition, SecureGOV 2006 united these officials with leading supplier organizations in executive strategy meetings enabling the officials to evaluate cutting-edge, results-based security solutions and achieving agency security requirements. To learn more about SecureGOV please visit www.SecureGOV.info.

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