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MONTEREY, Calif. – The Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS), the nation’s homeland security educator, announces the launch of its seventh annual CHDS Essay Competition.

The prompt for the 2014 competition is:

Peter Drucker emphasized the importance of continually challenging one’s assumptions. He said “Make yourself capable of doing this by building organized abandonment into your system. By asking yourself every few years, If we weren’t doing what we now do, would we want to start doing it? And if the answer is ‘probably not,’ then maybe it isn’t the right thing to do anymore.” How would you apply Drucker’s guidance to homeland security?



Entries for the competition are accepted through January 31, 2014. The competition is open to anyone with an interest in homeland defense and security. Current Center for Homeland Defense and Security faculty, staff, students and graduates are not eligible. Winners will be announced no later than May 31, 2014.

“The contest was created for individuals to articulate their unique ideas and innovations,” said Glen Woodbury, CHDS Director.

Responses may be general or focus on a specific aspect (organizational, policy, strategy, practice, technological innovation, social impact, etc.) or discipline/field, (emergency management, public health, law enforcement, critical infrastructure, intelligence, etc.). Essays may be written from any perspective – e.g. government, private sector, cultural, local community or citizen.

The winning essay will be considered for publication in Homeland Security Affairs, the Journal of the Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

Previous winning entries have addressed the power of social media in homeland security, the possibility of linking emergency response and public health with the poison control system and promoting the use of rhetorical tools to help frame the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s mission.

For information, visit www.chds.us/?essay/overview

CHDS, located at the historical Naval Postgraduate School, began offering the nation’s first Master of Arts degree in homeland security when it opened for classes in 2003. The 18-month program combines network-based instruction and classroom learning. Graduates are required to research and write theses on an issue facing their home agency. The CHDS is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Preparedness Directorate, within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Center offers an array of educational programs. For information, visit www.chds.us

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