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CENTER FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE AND SECURITY EXECUTIVE LEADERS PROGRAM

The Executive Leaders Program offers a graduate-level educational forum for the nation's senior government and private-sector leaders. The four one-week sessions provide a challenging educational environment to enhance executives' capacity to identify and resolve homeland security problems as well as an opportunity to build professional networks among high-level public and private-sector security officials.

Goals and Objectives of the Executive Leaders Program

The Executive Leaders Program was developed to:

- Strengthen national security by providing a non-degree, graduate-level educational program to meet the needs of leaders responsible for homeland defense and security
- Enhance senior leaders' capacity to identify and resolve homeland security problems through collaborative discussion and debate
- Create nationwide homeland security networks and build relationships between senior-level leaders across disciplines, agencies and levels of government

Program Structure and Curriculum

The program is designed to accommodate the busy schedules of participating executives and does not require the workload of traditional graduate-level education programs. The four one-week, in-residence sessions are conducted over a nine-month period at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, Calif. Participants must commit to attending all four sessions.

Each class is carefully selected to represent a cross section of homeland security officials from around the country. Approximately thirty senior-level local, state, tribal, territorial, federal government, military and private-sector leaders with homeland security responsibilities comprise each class and bring diverse perspectives to the classroom.

Seminars are conducted on such topics as intelligence, critical infrastructure, border/immigration, understanding threats, strategic and crisis communications, adaptation and complexity as well as emerging homeland security issues. All topics are discussed on a strategic, policy and organizational design level with particular attention to intergovernmental planning challenges, enabling participants to strengthen working relationships across regions, agencies, and local, state, tribal, territorial and federal jurisdictional and private-sector lines.

Application Criteria

Annual application deadlines are January 15 and June 15

Candidates should be high-ranking government and private-sector executives. The selection criteria evaluates the relevancy and level of each applicant's position, their homeland security responsibilities, the potential benefit to the applicant and their organization, and the homeland security experience and knowledge they will bring to the program. The selection criteria will also look at the potential benefit of relationship building to the applicant.

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