

August 20, 2009

Daniel O. Hill
Acting Under Secretary
Bureau of Industry and Security
U.S. Department of Commerce
Room 3898
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Hill:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Infrastructure Protection, Homeland Infrastructure Threat and Risk Analysis Center (HITRAC) requests the participation and support of the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Office of Technology Evaluation, in a series of joint industrial base infrastructure assessments with a specific focus on U.S. foreign sourcing and critical dependencies in key sectors.

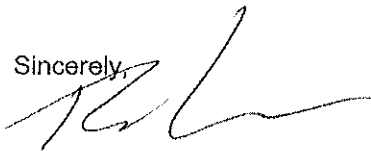
HITRAC develops and executes the Critical Foreign Dependencies Initiative. The data and analysis provided by BIS will greatly enhance the capabilities and knowledge base of HITRAC toward this end. To facilitate the project HITRAC has an extensive network of federal and state agencies as well as industry groups to provide needed technical support and guidance for the BIS surveys and assessments.

For the purpose of conducting these infrastructure assessments DHS will provide the necessary funding and technical support as well as enter into a project Memorandum of Understanding with BIS. Each datacall for industry-specific information will be formalized using a technical directive (TD) issued jointly by DHS/HITRAC and DOC/BIS, the first of which will be included in the initial issuance of our Inter-Agency Agreement (IAA), HSHQDC-09-X-00672. Each TD will contain specifics for the scope of information being requested, deliverables and schedules, funding amounts and accounting codes, and points of contact. The IAA will be subject to modification to reflect overall funding and adjustments to the period of performance, reflective of the information contained within the TDs.

If you should have any questions regarding this request, please contact Kristine Poptanich of HITRAC at 202-282-9176 (e-mail: Kristine.Poptanich1@dhs.gov).

We thank you for the opportunity to work collaboratively with BIS on this important project.

Sincerely,



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