



Homeland Security

State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council

State, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments are vital to protecting critical infrastructure and ensuring the resilience of the communities they serve. Formed in April 2007, the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC) is a flagship council leveraging the expertise of these officials to bring the SLTT governments' perspective into the national critical infrastructure planning process through the Council's reaffirmation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) 2013: Partnering for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience. Its members represent 25 jurisdictions across all 10 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regions. Full Council members include representatives of 10 States, 7 counties, 6 cities, and 2 tribes. The SLTTGCC's Alliance Network comprises approximately 170 additional SLTT government personnel from across the Nation who participate in Council projects and initiatives. As a national representative of SLTT governments, the Council is a valuable forum for coordinating across geographic boundaries and all levels of government.

Primary Activities

- Advancing critical infrastructure issues, approaches, and best practices at the SLTT and regional levels
- Sharing information on critical infrastructure issues among and between SLTT colleagues
- Submitting policy recommendations to the Federal Government on national plans, policies, and programs
- Collaborating with other members of the NIPP Sector Partnerships to share common ideas and concerns and work together on solutions

Council Working Groups

The SLTTGCC establishes working groups organized by topic or issue area that focus on critical infrastructure security and resilience issues important to SLTT governments. These working groups convene regularly during council plenary sessions to discuss and address a variety of topics, including:

- Developing consensus recommendations on new and evolving Federal policies and programs.
- Engaging subject matter experts (SMEs) and Federal representatives.
- Compiling and disseminating best practices, white papers, and studies.

SLTTGCC Executive Committee

<p>Jeremy Sroka, SLTTGCC Chair <i>(Critical Infrastructure Program Manager, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management)</i></p> <p>Debra Winsor, SLTTGCC Vice-Chair, <i>(Sergeant, Seattle Police Department/ Washington State Fusion Center)</i></p> <p>Jim Battese, Chair, Partnership Engagement Working Group <i>(Director of Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, Miami Nation)</i></p>	<p>Kevin Catlin, Chair, Policy and Planning Working Group <i>(Assistant to the City Manager, City of Brookings, South Dakota)</i></p> <p>Paul Dean, Chair, Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Working Group <i>(Chief, University of New Hampshire Police Department)</i></p> <p>Grant Hosmer, Chair, Cybersecurity Working Group <i>(Information Security Officer, Port of Portland, Oregon)</i></p>	<p>Irene Navis, Chair, Regional Initiatives Working Group <i>(Assistant Emergency Manager, Clark County, Nevada Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security)</i></p> <p>Shelly Schechter, Chair, Information Sharing Working Group <i>(Director, Office of Public Health/Preparedness, Department of Health, Nassau County, New York)</i></p> <p>Brian Wright, Chair, IP Gateway Working Group <i>(Assistant Director, New York State Office of Counter Terrorism)</i></p>
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Regional Efforts

In May 2016, the SLTTGCC completed the Regional Overview of Critical Infrastructure Programs. The project was a collaborative effort with the Regional Consortium Coordinating Council (RC3), which brings together public-private partnerships.

The Regional Overview project documents the current state of critical infrastructure programs and activities and the progress of activities based on the needs identified through previous studies. It directly engaged more than 200 critical infrastructure professionals from all 10 FEMA regions to understand their perspectives on the critical infrastructure mission. Participant input was captured in Regional Snapshots published after the completion of each regional engagement. Data from the snapshots were synthesized into a final summary report that highlights the project's metrics, successes, and findings on the implementation of the critical infrastructure mission by SLTT programs.

The Regional Overview project found that SLTT programs and partnerships were commonly concerned about the sustainability of their critical infrastructure efforts in light of resource constraints. It included recommendations by SLTTGCC and RC3 on improving Federal programs and tools.

Sharing Best Practices

In an effort to foster information sharing best practices, the SLTTGCC connects with peers in SLTT governments by linking SLTTGCC's efforts with mission-area public sector officials nationwide, such as those working with Protective Security Advisors, SMEs, urban-area security directors, and emergency management personnel.

One such mechanism is the SLTTGCC Alliance Network, which provides SLTT practitioners with a means to regularly communicate with each other and the Federal Government. This Network includes more than 170 SLTT officials from across the country and enables SLTT mission partners to share best practices and provide DHS and Sector-Specific Agencies (SSAs) with regular feedback on requirements and programs. Members also have access to the SLTTGCC Homeland Security Information Network – Critical Infrastructure (HSIN-CI) portal and materials, such as Council reports and white papers, newsletters, and sector-specific plans.

Additionally, the Council sponsors a Real-Time Forum Webinar series on topics of interest to the SLTT community, including an introduction to the DHS Infrastructure Development and Recovery program, the *Regional Overview* project, and introductions on the operations and capabilities of the critical infrastructure sectors. These Webinars provide a practical opportunity for SLTT and regional officials to work together.

Collaborating with the Critical Infrastructure Sectors

The SLTTGCC collaborates with other critical infrastructure councils to ensure mutual understanding of each other's roles and responsibilities within the national critical infrastructure security and resilience mission. The Council's Sector Liaison program promotes collaboration with Government Coordinating Councils (GCCs) and joint sector activities with industry members of Sector Coordinating Councils (SCCs) to help identify and address cross-sector issues and interdependencies.

More Information

For more information about the SLTTGCC, visit www.dhs.gov/slttgcc or contact the SLTTGCC Secretariat at SLTTGCC@hq.dhs.gov.