

## LIST OF KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

### Organizing the National Effort

- Establish a National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC)
- Transfer the collection of intelligence inside the United States to the NCTC
- Concentrate oversight of the NCTC in the intelligence committee in each House
- Produce continuing, comprehensive “strategic” assessments of threats inside the United States
- Ensure DHS authority to levy direct intelligence requirements, and robust DHS capability for combining threat and vulnerability information
- Clearly define DHS and other Federal agency responsibilities before, during, and after an attack
- Designate DHS as lead, and DHHS as principal supporting agency, for bioterrorism attack
- Perform a comprehensive National Intelligence Estimate on the threats to infrastructure
- Restructure interagency mechanisms for better coordination
- Thoroughly review applicable law and regulations; propose legislative changes
- Establish separate Congressional authorizing committee and appropriation subcommittee for homeland security

### Improving Health and Medical Capabilities

- Strengthen the public health system with support on the order of \$1 billion per year for 5 years
- Coordinate and centralize funding information from various agencies and simplify the application process
- Implement a formal process for evaluating the effectiveness of investments in preparedness
- Funds studies on health care and public health workforce requirements
- Assess the resources required by the nation’s hospital system to respond to terrorism
- Strengthen the Health Alert Network and other secure and rapid communications systems
- Increase resources for public health and medical emergencies
- Articulate and integrate the roles, missions, capabilities and limitations of, and effectively train special response teams
- Improve system for providing required technical assistance to States and localities
- Develop an electronic, continuously updated handbook on best terrorism response practices
- Strengthen and prioritize basic medical and applied public health research
- Adopt the Model Health Powers Emergency Act or develop adopt alternative
- Clarify the special conditions under which HIPAA information can be shared; and require State plans for enhanced cooperation between law enforcement and public health, EMS and hospital officials
- Educate the public on health and medical information before, during and after an event
- Enhance research into the short and long-term psychological consequences of terrorist attacks
- Improve capacity in the Intelligence Community for health and medical analysis
- Enhance technical assistance to states to develop plans and procedures for distributing the NPS
- Establish a national strategy for vaccine development
- Implement the smallpox vaccination plan incrementally; and raise the priority on research for a safer smallpox vaccine

### Defending Against Agricultural Terrorism

- Perform a National Intelligence Estimate on the threat to agriculture and food
- Include an Emergency Support Function for Agriculture and Food in the Federal Response Plan and the National Incident Response Plan
- Allow specially designated laboratories to perform tests for foreign agricultural diseases
- Institute a standard system for fair compensation for agriculture and food losses
- Improve and provide incentives for veterinary medicine education in foreign animal diseases; and improve education, training, and exercises between government and the agricultural private sector