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SECURITY WEEK**

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Day 1- March 17

0700	<b>REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING IN THE FOYER</b>
0810	<b>CHAIR'S WELCOME REMARKS</b> <b>Nelson Balido, Chairman, Border Commerce and Security Council</b>
0815	<b>FIRESIDE CHAT: THE ROLE OF DHS S&amp;T IN SECURING THE HOMELAND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advancing research and development to address emerging threats and capability gaps</li><li>• Collaborating with industry, academia, and government partners to accelerate innovation</li><li>• Transitioning cutting-edge technologies from the lab to operational use across DHS components</li></ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Nelson Balido, President, Border Commerce and Security Council</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Hon. Pedro Allende, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology (invited)</b></p>
0845	<b>CONGRESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON BORDER SECURITY, TRADE, AND HOMELAND PREPAREDNESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legislative priorities shaping the future of border security, lawful trade, frontline staffing, and regional economic resilience</li><li>• Strengthening coordination between federal agencies, state/local partners, and border communities to address migration, trafficking, and cross-border threats</li><li>• Expanding investments in modern infrastructure, technology, and resources to improve security and efficiency across the US-Mexico border</li></ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Nelson Balido, President, Border Commerce and Security Council</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Rep. Tony Gonzales (R), 23rd District of TX, Member House Homeland Security Committee, House of Representatives</b> <b>Rep. Henry Cuellar (D), 28th District of TX, Member House Appropriations Committee, House of Representatives</b></p>
0930	<b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION- MongoDB</b>

1000	<p><b>DHS PROCUREMENT PRIORITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key focus areas driving DHS acquisition strategy for FY2026 and beyond</li> <li>• Strengthening industry partnerships to deliver innovation at speed and scale</li> <li>• Aligning procurement priorities with mission needs across all DHS components</li> </ul> <p><b>Paul Courtney</b>, Chief Procurement Officer, <b>Department of Homeland Security (accepted, pending approval)</b></p>		
1030	<p><b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION HALL</b></p>		
1100	<p><b>OVERCOMING LEGACY SYSTEM CHALLENGES THROUGH MODERNIZATION, AUTOMATION, AND INNOVATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing modernization initiatives that enhance efficiency and mission readiness across DOJ components</li> <li>• Leveraging automation, zero-trust architecture, and advanced threat detection to secure and streamline legacy systems</li> <li>• Driving a culture of innovation to reduce technical debt, strengthen cybersecurity, and sustain long-term IT transformation</li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. Shantrell Collier</b>, Deputy Chief Information Officer, <b>Department of Justice (accepted, pending approval)</b>  <b>Vu Nguyen</b>, Chief Information Security Officer, <b>Department of Justice (accepted, pending approval)</b></p>		
1130	<p><b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION- HP</b></p>		
1200	<p><b>SECURING THE NATION’S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCUTRE IN A DIGITAL ERA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing national cybersecurity resilience against evolving digital and physical threats</li> <li>• Strengthening partnerships with federal, state, local, and private sector stakeholders</li> <li>• Driving innovation and preparedness to protect critical infrastructure systems at scale</li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. Madhu Gottumukkala</b>, (A) Director, <b>Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency</b></p>		
1230	<p><b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION - HOSTED BY ECHODYNE</b></p>		
1300	<p><b>LUNCH AND NETWORKING IN THE EXHIBITION HALL</b></p>		
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1430	<p><b>BUILDING A DATA-DRIVEN BORDER: CBP'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrating data, analytics, and automation to enhance situational awareness</li> <li>Improving data flow between field operators, mission systems, and interagency partners</li> <li>Balancing speed, scalability, and security in modern digital infrastructure</li> </ul> <p><b>James McCament</b>, Chief Digital Transformation Officer, <b>U.S. Customs and Border Protection</b></p>	<p><b>JIATF-401 PRIORITIES FOR 2026 AND BEYOND: STRENGTHENING JOINT COUNTER-THREAT OPERATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advancing JIATF-401's mission to counter emerging threats through integrated joint, interagency, and multinational operations</li> <li>Enhancing intelligence fusion, information sharing, and operational coordination across partner organizations</li> <li>Prioritizing modernization, readiness, and agile mission support to address evolving adversary tactics in 2026 and the years ahead</li> </ul> <p><b>Brigadier General Matt Ross</b>, Commander, Joint Interagency Task Force 401 (JIATF-401), <b>US Army</b></p>
1500	<p><b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION - HOSTED BY MANTECH</b></p> <p><b>Gerhard Pilcher</b>, Vice President of Growth, Data, and AI, <b>MANTECH</b></p>	<p><b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION</b></p>
1530	<p><b>AI AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT: BALANCING INNOVATION WITH SECURITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deploying AI and automation responsibly to improve investigative speed and accuracy</li> <li>Managing data privacy, security, and oversight in operational technology environments</li> <li>Collaborating across agencies and industry to develop ethical, secure AI tools for law enforcement missions</li> </ul> <p><b>David Nanz</b>, Assistant Director, Operational Technology, <b>Federal Bureau of Investigation</b></p>	<p><b>FIRESIDE CHAT: CUAS IN BORDER SECURITY OPERATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The role of CUAS technologies in securing US borders and critical infrastructure</li> <li>Multi-agency coordination in CUAS operations, including collaboration with DoD and DHS</li> <li>Best practices for ensuring interoperability and effective response in CUAS incidents</li> <li>Operational challenges of deploying CUAS systems in remote and high-risk border areas</li> <li>Future directions for CUAS in enhancing border security and law enforcement operations</li> </ul> <p><b>Jonathan Miller</b>, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Air and Marine Operations, <b>U.S. Customs and Border Protection</b></p>
1600	<p><b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION HALL</b></p>	

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1630	<b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION - HOSTED BY FACETEC</b>	<b>INDUSTRY INSIGHTY SESSION</b>
1700	<b>DISRUPTING CYBERCRIME: HSI'S EVOLVING MISSION IN A DATA-DRIVEN WORLD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How HSI is adapting investigative models to counter emerging digital threats and transnational actors</li> <li>• Utilizing data analytics and machine learning to identify illicit activity across online ecosystems</li> <li>• Strengthening partnerships with law enforcement, industry, and academia to enhance cyber defense</li> </ul> <b>Sean Fitzgerald</b> , Assistant Director, Cyber Operational Technology Directorate, Homeland Security Investigations, <b>Immigration and Customs Enforcement</b>	<b>ADVANCING CUAS CAPABILITIES TO PROTECT THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying and prioritizing CUAS requirements to safeguard airports and transportation hubs</li> <li>• Collaborating with DHS, FAA, and industry partners to integrate effective CUAS technologies</li> <li>• Balancing security, safety, and efficiency in deploying CUAS solutions within the transportation system</li> </ul> <b>David Patrick</b> , Assistant Administrator, Requirements and Capabilities Analysis, <b>Transportation Security Administration (accepted, pending approval)</b>

1730	<p><b>LEVERAGING DATA AND INTELLIGENCE TO COUNTER EVOLVING THREATS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using data analytics and intelligence sharing to strengthen counterterrorism operations</li> <li>Building partnerships across federal, state, and local agencies to address emerging threats</li> <li>Integrating new technologies, including AI, to enhance situational awareness and public safety</li> </ul> <p><b>Rebecca Weiner</b>, Deputy Commissioner for Intelligence and Counterterrorism, <b>New York Police Department</b></p>	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION: PROTECTING PUBLIC VENUES FROM EMERGING THREATS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessing the risk drones and other threats pose to stadiums, concerts, and other large public gatherings</li> <li>Integrating CUAS solutions into event security planning and operations</li> <li>Sharing best practices for managing threats at major events and public spaces</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dr. Noor Razzaq</b>, CEO, <b>Institute for American Policy and Standards Innovation</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Helmut Sphan</b>, Director, Safety, Security, and Access, <b>FIFA</b> <b>Greg Monhan</b>, Chief Security Officer, <b>Washington Nationals (invited)</b></p>
1800	<p><b>CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Nelson Balido</b>, Chairman, <b>Border Commerce and Security Council</b></p>	
1805	<p><b>END OF CONFERENCE DAY ONE</b></p>	

Day 2- March 18	
0730	<p><b>REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING IN THE FOYER</b></p>
0820	<p><b>CHAIR'S WELCOME REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Nelson Balido</b>, Chairman, <b>Border Commerce and Security Council</b></p>

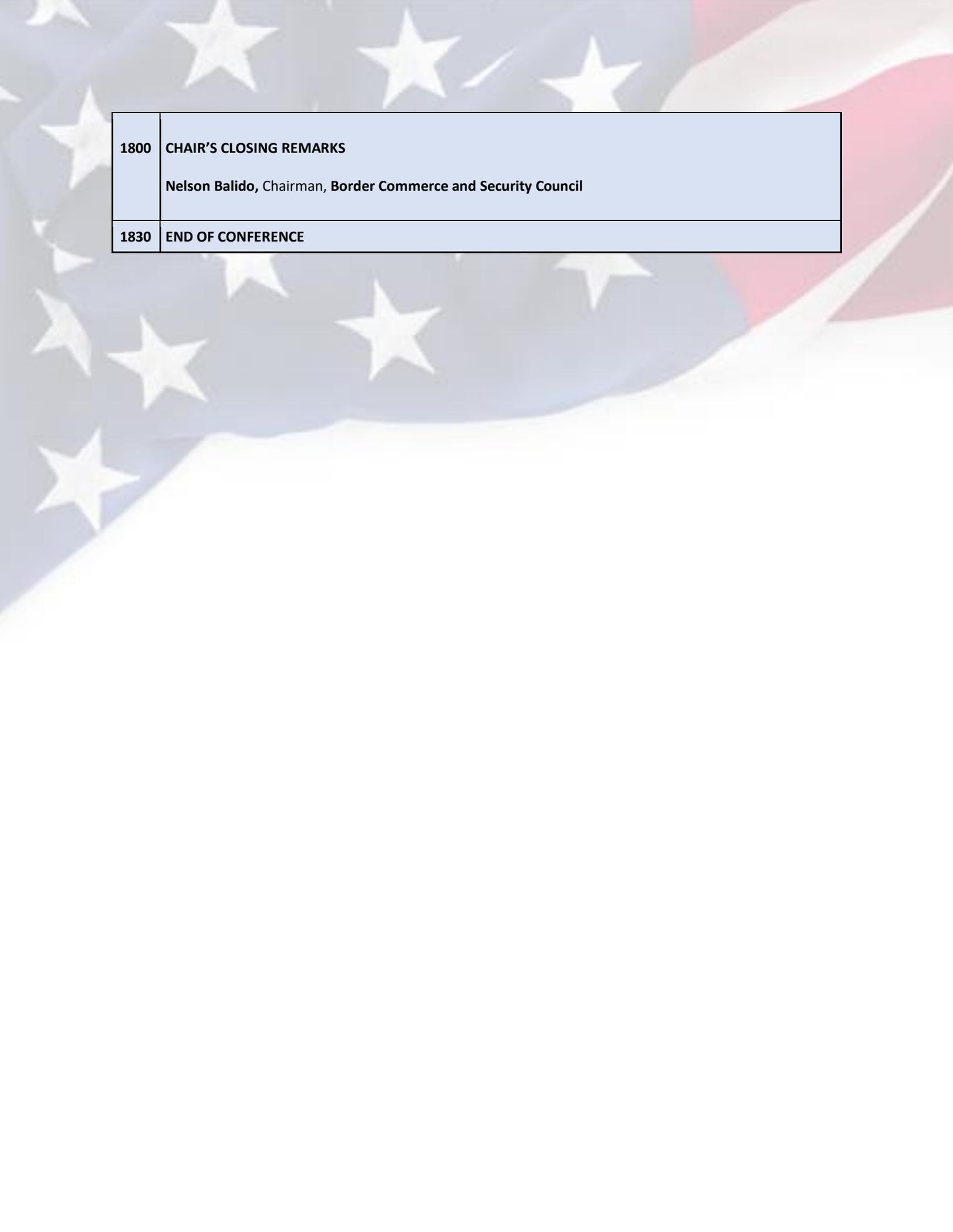
<p><b>0830</b></p>	<p><b>FIRESIDE CHAT: SECURING AMERICA’S BORDERS: A STRATEGIC OUTLOOK FROM CBP LEADERSHIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CBP’s strategic priorities for border security, trade, and travel in 2026 and beyond</li> <li>• Building a modern, adaptive CBP workforce and infrastructure</li> <li>• Aligning mission outcomes with interagency and international collaboration</li> <li>• Enhancing operational capabilities through data, tech, and innovation</li> <li>• Balancing enforcement and facilitation in a complex global landscape</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Nelson Balido</b>, President, <b>Border Commerce and Security Council</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Ron Vitiello</b>, Senior Advisor, <b>U.S. Customs and Border Protection</b></p>
<p><b>0900</b></p>	<p><b>SAFEGUARDING THE HOMELAND: A BORDER PATROL PERSPECTIVE ON NATIONAL SECURITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National security threats and the Border Patrol’s evolving mission</li> <li>• Operational strategies for managing dynamic migration and threat patterns</li> <li>• The role of interagency and cross-border collaboration in securing the homeland</li> <li>• Strategic priorities shaping the future of US border enforcement</li> <li>• Future directions on Border Patrol strategy and modernization</li> </ul> <p><b>Mike Banks</b>, Chief, <b>Border Patrol (invited)</b></p>
<p><b>0930</b></p>	<p><b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION- HOSTED BY APPIAN</b></p>
<p><b>1000</b></p>	<p><b>MODERNIZING DEA BUSINESS OPERATIONS TO STRENGTHEN MISSION IMPACT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advancing modernization across finance, human capital, and enterprise systems to improve operational efficiency</li> <li>• Enhancing internal processes and accountability frameworks that support DEA’s frontline enforcement mission</li> <li>• Integrating policy, planning, and communications to create a more agile and mission-aligned organization</li> </ul> <p><b>Gary Owen</b>, Associate Administrator, Chief Operating Officer for Business Operations, <b>Drug Enforcement Administration</b></p>
<p><b>1030</b></p>	<p><b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION HALL</b></p>

<p><b>1100</b></p>	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION: MODERNIZING CBP TO MEET EVOLVING BORDER SECURITY CHALLENGES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancing border operations through innovation, workforce readiness, and modernized infrastructure</li> <li>Balancing security, lawful trade, and travel facilitation at the nation’s ports of entry</li> <li>Leveraging technology, and data integration to drive efficiency and mission success</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Nelson Balido</b>, President, <b>Border Commerce and Security Council</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Senior Representative</b>, Office of the Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, <b>U.S. Customs and Border Protection</b>  <b>Susan Thomas</b>, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade, <b>U.S. Customs and Border Protection</b></p>
<p><b>1130</b></p>	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION: BEYOND THE BUZZWORD: DHS CROSS-AGENCY ZERO TRUST IMPLEMENTATION FOR HIGH STAKES OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS - HOSTED BY MANTECH</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Christopher Cleary</b>, Vice President, Global Cyber Practice, <b>MANTECH</b>  <b>Scott Davis</b>, Chief Information Security Officer, <b>US Customs and Border Protection (accepted, pending approval)</b>  <b>Antoine McCord</b>, Chief Information Officer, <b>Department of Homeland Security (invited)</b>  <b>Bob Costello</b>, Chief Information Officer, <b>Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (invited)</b></p>
<p><b>1200</b></p>	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION: TECHNOLOGY, AUTOMATION, &amp; AI IN TARGETING WORKFLOWS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How machine learning and automation are changing targeting workflows</li> <li>Balancing speed, accuracy, and explainability in risk models</li> <li>Guardrails, oversight, and accountability in algorithmic targeting systems</li> <li>Migration path: from rules-based to adaptive/AI-driven targeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Nelson Balido</b>, President, <b>Border Commerce and Security Council</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Sunil Madhugiri</b>, Chief Technology Officer, <b>U.S. Customs and Border Protection</b>  <b>Michelle Zebrowski</b>, Chief Data Officer, <b>U.S. Customs and Border Protection</b>  <b>Tony Crane</b>, Deputy Executive Director, National Targeting Center, <b>U.S. Customs and Border Protection</b></p>
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1430	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION: MODERNIZING CBP'S DIGITAL BACKBONE: STRATEGY, IMPLEMENTATION, AND MISSION IMPACT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advancing CBP's IT modernization strategy to strengthen operational readiness and efficiency across mission areas</li> <li>• Aligning digital transformation initiatives with measurable mission outcomes and improved service delivery</li> <li>• Managing workforce, governance, and cybersecurity challenges during enterprise-wide modernization</li> </ul> <p><b>Edward Mays</b>, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Infrastructure and Support Services, Chief Enterprise Infrastructure Officer, Office of Information and Technology, <b>U.S. Customs and Border Protection</b></p> <p><b>Jay Alalasundaram</b>, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Software and Applications Services, Office of Information and Technology, <b>U.S. Customs and Border Protection</b></p>	<p><b>MODERNIZING COAST GUARD CAPABILITIES FOR BORDER AND MARITIME SECURITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivering advanced assets and technologies to secure US maritime borders</li> <li>• Accelerating acquisition processes to respond to evolving mission requirements</li> <li>• Strengthening partnerships with DHS, DoD, and industry to enhance operational readiness</li> </ul> <p><b>RADM Chad Jacoby</b>, Deputy Commandant for Systems and Chief Acquisition Executive, Senior Coordination Official, Director of Digital Transformation, and Cybersecurity Authorizing Official for Operational Technology, <b>U.S. Coast Guard</b></p>
1500	<b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION – HOSTED BY VEEAM</b>	<b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION - HOSTED BY AFS</b>

1530	<p><b>FIRESIDE CHAT: DEFENDING THE HOMELAND IN THE CYBER DOMAIN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening national cyber defenses against advanced threats</li> <li>• Expanding public-private partnerships to protect critical infrastructure at scale</li> <li>• Accelerating adoption of AI, automation, and innovative tools to detect and respond to cyber incidents</li> </ul> <p><b>Nick Andersen</b>, Executive Assistant Director for Cybersecurity, <b>Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency</b></p>	<p><b>FIRESIDE CHAT: WHEN TECH MEETS TACTIC: ENSURING INNOVATION WORKS IN THE FIELD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which tools have worked (or failed) in field operations and why</li> <li>• Bridging training, usability, and operational fit during deployment</li> <li>• Lessons learned: iterations, feedback loops, adoption challenges</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Manny Padilla</b>, Board Member, <b>Border Commerce and Security Council</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Paul Perez</b>, President, <b>National Border Patrol Council</b></p>
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1630	<b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION</b>	<b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION- HOSTED BY IDEMIA</b>

<p><b>1700</b></p>	<p><b>THE EVOLVING THREAT LANDSCAPE: AN FBI PERSPECTIVE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding the latest trends in cybercrime and critical infrastructure threats</li> <li>• Leveraging data and AI to strengthen investigations and accelerate threat identification</li> <li>• Expanding collaboration with DHS and the private sector to disrupt adversaries</li> </ul> <p><b>Jason Bilnoski</b>, Deputy Assistant Director, Cyber Division, <b>Federal Bureau of Investigation</b></p>	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION: STRENGTHENING CROSS-BORDER TRADE AND SECURITY BETWEEN LAREDO AND NUEVO LAREDO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examining how trade and travel flows are evolving over the next five years amid new economic, policy, and infrastructure shifts across both sides of the border</li> <li>• Showcasing major infrastructure upgrades and modernization projects supporting efficient cargo and traveler processing in both Laredo and Nuevo Laredo</li> <li>• Advancing binational coordination and security through partnerships between CBP, Nuevo Laredo officials, and INAMI’s new regional headquarters to enhance safe and seamless border operations</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Nelson Baldio</b>, President, <b>Border Commerce and Security Council</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Alberto Flores</b>, Port Director, Laredo Port of Entry, <b>US Customs and Border Protection</b> <b>Canturosas Villareal</b>, Mayor, <b>City of Neveo Laredo</b></p>
<p><b>1730</b></p>	<p><b>COMBATING CYBER CRIME IN A DATA-DRIVEN WORLD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackling emerging cyber threats such as ransomware, digital fraud, and more</li> <li>• Using advanced data analytics and AI to identify, investigate, and disrupt cybercriminal activity</li> <li>• Strengthening international partnerships to combat transnational cybercrime</li> </ul> <p><b>Kimberly Long</b>, Division Chief, DHS C3 Cyber Crimes Center, Homeland Security Investigations, <b>Immigration and Customs Enforcement (accepted, pending approval)</b></p>	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION: STATE DEPARTMENT CROSS BORDER COLLABORATION</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Nelson Balido</b>, President, <b>Border Commerce and Security Council</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Federico Montanez</b>, Attorney General, <b>State of Coahuila, Mexico</b> <b>Adrian de la Garza Santos</b>, Mayor, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico; Former Attorney General <b>Nuevo Leon, Mexico</b> <b>Senior Representative</b>, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, <b>U.S. State Department (invited)</b></p>



1800	<b>CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS</b>  Nelson Balido, Chairman, <b>Border Commerce and Security Council</b>
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