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Secretary Janet Napolitano, U.S. Department of Homeland Security to speak at Counter-IED Symposium

Columbia, MD (November 2, 2009) – Secretary Janet Napolitano, Department of Homeland Security has been confirmed as the Keynote Speaker at the Counter IED Symposium on December 1-3, 2009 at the Gaylord National Hotel located just outside of Washington, DC.

Secretary Napolitano joins members from DHS, DOE, ODNI, and DOJ to speak at this symposium sponsored by the Interagency Council for Applied Homeland Security Technology (ICAHST). A complete list of speakers can be found on the symposium's website at www.ncsi.com.

The symposium and exposition will focus on the unique nature of the Domestic Response vs the Military Response to IED prevention. Federal, state, and local government representatives, industry, academia and laboratories will convene to address key issues and critical mission needs in support of IED defeat and prevention – for homeland security and the Warfighter.

"With recent events, it is obvious that combating IED use in the homeland – the domestic IED threat – must remain a top priority. In this symposium, we have assembled the key agencies and players to address the use of explosives in the United States by terrorists," says Mr. Fredrick Thomas Martin, Executive Director of The Interagency Council for Applied Homeland Security Technology (ICAHST), and Former Deputy Director, Information Services Group, NSA. Mr. Martin is the overall Chairperson responsible for coordinating all track chairs and conference sessions. "It is crucial for federal employees, military, academia and industry to participate in a forum of this type."

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