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Homeland Security Selects Purdue, Rutgers Universities to Co-Lead New Center of Excellence for Research to Protect the Nation

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate announced today the selection of Purdue University (Lafayette, In.) and Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ) as co-leads of a new DHS Center of Excellence (COE) for Command, Control, and Interoperability. The center will receive a multi-year grant of up to \$5 million per year over a period of six years.

“These universities were selected based on the merits of their proposals in a rigorous review process,” said Brad Buswell, acting Under Secretary for Science and Technology. “The Center of Excellence program takes advantage of the unsurpassed research capabilities and intellectual capital of the nation’s colleges and universities to find solutions for our knowledge and technology gaps.”

This center will conduct research and develop technologies, tools, and advanced methods for information analysis, knowledge management, threat assessment, situational awareness, decision support, information sharing, interoperable communications, surveillance and investigative operations, and cyber infrastructure protection. Purdue University will lead the center’s focus on visualization sciences, while Rutgers University will be the lead for the data sciences. The center will be closely aligned with the Directorate’s Command, Control, and Interoperability Division.

The COE program is managed by the S&T Directorate’s Office of University Programs. By congressional authorization, the Centers of Excellence are responsible for conducting multidisciplinary research and for developing education initiatives in areas important for homeland security.

For more information about University Programs and a description of the current Centers of Excellence, visit www.dhs.gov/universityprograms.

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