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This e-mail is sent on behalf of Mr. Ari Schuler, Chairman, Executive Committee ...

Dear Members,

After long deliberation, the Executive Committee of the Border Security Technology Consortium (BSTC) voted last week to rename our consortium to the Homeland Security Technology Consortium (HSTech). To memorialize the change, I have signed Board Resolution 22-001 entitled "Border Security Technology Consortium (BSTC) Name Change."

To date, the primary government customer for projects awarded to the BSTC under the existing Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) has been U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The OTA, which became effective on September 30, 2015, has a total value cap of \$125M, but the sum total of project ceilings awarded under the OTA has remained less than \$40M. The Consortium's name change reflects our interest in expanding opportunities to other component agencies within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and conforms with the broad Other Transaction authority that was granted to DHS by Congress in its enabling statute. We believe that all DHS component agencies could benefit from using Other Transaction authority to partner with our Consortium's excellent mix of nontraditional and traditional companies and academia to perform valuable research, development and prototyping of cutting-edge technologies.

We are in the process of planning 2022 activities to benefit HSTech members, and expect to announce those soon. In the meantime, we appreciate you informing your leadership, colleagues and customers of our name change.

With appreciation,
Ari Schuler
Chairman,
Homeland Security Technology Consortium Executive Committee