# HIMSS National Prepardness Response Task Force

# **HIMSS Related Bioterrorism Projects**

Project Title	NPR Research Grid User Guide	Person of Interest/ Project
/Agency / Pilot /		<b>Owner/Governing Agency/Organization</b>
Initiative:		Col. Rosemary Nelson, Penny Dobb, Kim
		Hlobik, John McLamb, Simmi Singh and
		Dave Roberts

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

This preliminary draft of the NPR Research Grid was created to house the results of our initial data gathering activities. Data sources we used included our own ad hoc research over the past year or two, articles from major papers/journals, press releases, conference proceedings and presentations, industry discussions and a review of various websites and databases, both public and private.

Although we think our list represents a strong start and is quite comprehensive, we may have missed some major initiatives that are important, in which case please let us know. There is a tremendous amount of "activity" out there - initiatives being launched on a daily basis. We concentrated on those we felt had momentum, were of strategic importance and/or had delivered results.

#### **Reference Number** 0

Source for Additional Information

John McLamb, jmclamb@med.unc.edu

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<b>Project</b> Title	An Initiative to Develop a	Person of Interest/ Project
/Agency / Pilot / Initiative:	Framework for the Information Technology Infrastructure for	<b>Owner/Governing Agency/Organization</b> Dr. Helga Rippen
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#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Successfully addressing bioterrorism requires an effective IT infrastructure. The purpose of this RAND initiative is to articulate the IT infrastructure and recommend a course of action. RAND's Science and Technology Policy Institute is organizing this initiative as part of its mission to address scientific and technological issues of national importance.

#### **Reference Number** 1

#### Source for Additional Information

IT Infrastructure for Bioterrorism Summit

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Project TitleRAND Center for Domestic and/Agency / Pilot /International Health SecurityInitiative:International Health Security

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Dr. Kenneth Shine - Center Director

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The Center for Domestic and International Health Security is a multidisciplinary research collaboration housed at RAND. The Center's research agenda has three basic components: making health a central component of U.S. foreign policy; preparing Americans to cope with the psychological effects of terrorism; and strengthening health response to terrorism.

#### **Reference Number** 2

#### **Source for Additional Information**

RAND Center for Domestic and International Health Security

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Project TitleKey thought leaders to track - Dr./Agency / Pilot /George PosteInitiative:Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Dr. George Poste

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Dr. Poste is a member of the Defense Department's Defense Science Board and chairs its bioterrorism task force. A pathologist, Poste also is chief executive of consulting group Health Technology Networks, which specializes in genomics technologies and computing in health care. In addition, he is the chairman for Orchid Biosciences, Inc.

#### **Reference Number** 3

#### Source for Additional Information

Health Affairs Press Release: June 5, 2002

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Project TitleKey thought leaders to track - Dr.P/Agency / Pilot /Donald HendersonOInitiative:D

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Dr. Donald Henderson

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Currently the Director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP), founding director of the Center for Civilian Biodefense Studies at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

#### **Reference Number** 4

### Source for Additional Information

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Faculty -Donald Henderson, Health Policy and Management

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Project TitleKey thought leaders to track - Dr./Agency / Pilot /Tara O'TooleInitiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Dr. Tara O'Toole

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Director of the John Hopkins Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies

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Source for Additional Information

Dr. O'Toole Congressional Testimony - 06/25/02

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Project Title	Key thought leaders to track - Dr.
/Agency / Pilot /	Micheal Osterholm
Initiative:	

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Dr. Michael Osterholm

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy

**Reference Number** 6

### Source for Additional Information

Dr. Osterholm Congressional Testimony - 10/09/01

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Project TitleAmerican Medical Informatics/Agency / Pilot /Association (AMIA)Initiative:Initiative:

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

AMIA has released recommendations to assist in the fight against national health threats, including bioterrorism. The recommendations advocate that the federal government protect public health and national safety by establishing a national health information infrastructure (NHII).

#### **Reference Number** 7

#### Source for Additional Information

AMIA -- Public Policy, Bioterrorism

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Project TitleAmerican Nurses Association/Agency / Pilot /(ANA)Initiative:

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

ANA is working on several fronts to address disaster readiness in response to bioterrorism – making sure that RNs will be able to respond effectively in these new types of emergencies.

#### **Reference Number** 8

### Source for Additional Information

ANA | Bioterrorism and Disaster Response

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Project TitleAmerican Medical Association/Agency / Pilot /(AMA)Initiative:

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The AMA has worked on various initiatives related to bioterrorism including work in conjunction with the CDC.

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### Source for Additional Information

AMA (Terrorism) Index of Bioterrorism Resources

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Project TitleAmerican Hospital Association/Agency / Pilot /(AHA)Initiative:

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

AHA will support at the national level what our members will be working to achieve in their communities: the readiness of people and resources.

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#### Source for Additional Information

Disaster Readiness - Home

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Project TitleBT Website for American/Agency / Pilot /Association of Health Plans (AAHP)Initiative:Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** American Association of Health Plans (AAHP)

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

This site is dedicated to keeping you aware of the ongoing bioterrorism and emergency preparedness activities within the government and across the nation. AAHP staff members are keeping current with events and recommendations to help our member plans with their preparedness planning and to keep you informed.

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#### **Source for Additional Information**

http://www.aahp.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Inside\_AAHP/Bic terrorism\_Emergency\_Preparedness/Bioterrorism\_Emergency\_Pr

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Project Title AAEP /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

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Project TitleCorporate Initiatives: IBM/Agency / Pilot /CorporationInitiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** IBM Global Unit to address security/defense against biological warfare agents.

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

IBM has established a new global unit that will help companies and governments beef up security in their buildings and will gather and analyze information to defend against biological warfare agents such as anthrax.

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Project Title Corporate Initiatives: Booz-Allen /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

"Bioterrorism — Improving Preparedness and Response," a wargame sponsored by Booz Allen Hamilton and the Council for Excellence in Government, illustrates how participants in one of the first strategic simulations of a bioterrorism attack concluded that the government and private sector must work together to contain an epidemic.

#### **Reference Number** 14

Source for Additional Information

Booz | Allen | Hamilton - Bioterrorism Wargames

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Project TitleCorporate Initiatives: Science/Agency / Pilot /Applications International Corp.Initiative:(SAIC)

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

SAIC supports Homeland Security crisis management services including doctrinal development; comprehensive critical incident response training and exercise programs; contingency, continuity, and emergency operations planning; and information technology support for civil and military crisis action teams.

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Source for Additional Information

SAIC: National Security: Homeland Security

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Project Title Raytheon /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Raytheon today is focused on defense, government and commercial electronics and business aviation and special mission aircraft. The threat of terrorist attack in the United States brings into vivid focus the need to harness technology to Detect threats, Protect against and Respond to them. Raytheon has proven expertise in emergency management systems, advanced electronics and IT systems that provide 21st century solutions to tracking, monitoring and identifying potential threats, and protecting our communities. In addition, Raytheon technology can strengthen public safety networks, and enhance communities' first response and emergency management capabilities through planning and training, so that response is efficient and effective.

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**Source for Additional Information** 

http://homelandsecurity.raytheon.com/

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Project Title State-level Initiatives: Kentucky /Agency / Pilot / Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Kentucky Health Alert Network Web Resource Center -This site is a product of Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response funds, obtained from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to enhance Kentucky's capacity for information dissemination in response to public health emergencies and threats of bioterrorism.

#### **Reference Number** 18

Source for Additional Information

KY: CHS: Department for Public Health - Bioterrorism

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Project Title State-level Initiatives: Kentucky /Agency / Pilot / Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Kentucky Department for Public Health -Preparedness Branch

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Summary of updates re: CDC/HRSA funding in specific areas addressed by Kentucky's plan. In keeping with the CDC Focus Area E—Health Alert Network/Communications and Information Technology, a specific plan is being developed to deploy wireless devices across the state. Other options for wireless connectivity are being explored for those areas not in current coverage areas.

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Project Title State-level Initiatives: Kentucky /Agency / Pilot / Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Kentucky Society of Health System Pharmacists

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Counter terrorism resources on primary web site. Includes links to: CDC Emergency Preparedness & Response, ASHP Emergency Preparedness, FDA Drug Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism.

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Project Title Merlin /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: **Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Florida Department of Health

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Florida's Response to Bioterrorism is thought to be a model for other states: Merlin Disease Reporting System Merlin is the name of the Florida Department of Health's electronic system for the reporting and management of communicable disease information.. The web-based system identifies and tracks disease outbreaks and provides an early warning for health care workers.

#### **Reference Number** 19

#### **Source for Additional Information**

Florida Legislature 2002 Session: News from the State House

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Project Title State-level Initiatives: Connecticut /Agency / Pilot / Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Yale New Haven Health

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Participating in establishing Centers of Excellence for Bioterrorism Preparedness. Yale New Haven and Hartford Hospital as tertiary and quaternary health centers will take a leadership role in planning/coordinating regional response, training and clinical care associated with potential bioterrorist threats.

#### **Reference Number** 20

#### **Source for Additional Information**

Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response News Release - Yale New Haven Health System

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Project Title State-level Initiatives: Illinois /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: **Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Chicago Department of Public Health

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been building a Bioterrorism response capability since 1998, and the recently received grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program will enhance capabilities in the areas of Surveillance & Epidemiology-Core Capacity & Special Projects, as well as the Health Alert Network.

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#### **Source for Additional Information**

Chicago Department of Health - Bioterrorism Section - Chicago Initiatives

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Project Title State-level Initiatives: New York /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: **Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Greater New York Hospital Association -Emergency Preparedness Resource Center

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Comprehensive resources including brochures, pocket guides, posters in PDF and other formats addressing Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) events.

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### Source for Additional Information

Greater New York Hospital Association

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Project TitleState-level Initiatives: Maryland/Agency / Pilot /Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Johns Hopkins Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies is establishing a new nationwide biodefense communications network for practicing clinicians.

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Project Title State-level Initiatives: Virginia /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: **Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Virginia Department of Health

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Creation of 130 bioterrorism-related jobs at state and local health departments that will be funded from combined state and federal sources; The federal grant requests are intended to upgrade infectious disease surveillance and investigation, as well as expand public health laboratory and communications systems capacities.

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Source for Additional Information

Governor Warner: In the News

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Project Title State-level Initiatives: California /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: **Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Web site dedicated to bioterrorism preparedness for physicians.

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Source for Additional Information

Center for Public Health and Disaster Relief

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Project Title Califoria BT Resource Center /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: **Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** California Medical Association

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Bioterrorism Resource Center for physicians via CMAnet. On-line resource for California physicians with comprehensive links to State/Federal preparedness projects and information resources.

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### Source for Additional Information

http://www.cmanet.org/publicdoc.cfm/534/207/gener/677

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Project Title State-level Initiatives: Michigan /Agency / Pilot / Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** University of Michigan

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The University of Michigan Bioterrorism Initiative. Topical workgroups form around specific opportunities and topics, such as: biological agents; education and training; emergency preparedness and response; epidemiology, detection and surveillance; technology; and information and communications

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#### **Source for Additional Information**

UM SPH News Release

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Project TitleRapid Syndrome Validation Project/Agency / Pilot /(RSVP)Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Sandia National Labs - New Mexico - Dr. Zelicoff

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

To enable a two-way flow of information, Dr. Zelicoff created an Internet-based database application called Rapid Syndrome Validation Project (RSVP). Physicians and clinicians use a touch screen to pick from a menu of disease symptoms such as fever with skin rash, respiratory ailments or influenza-like illness.

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Project Title State-level Initiatives: Nebraska /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: **Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** University of Nebraska Medical Center

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Discussion of National Emergency Preparedness Laboratory, a facility that UNMC is proposing to augment the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The task force's report says the university has experience and expertise in many bioterrorism-related areas.

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#### **Source for Additional Information**

Bioterrorism: Readiness and Response

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Project TitleState-level Initiatives: PennsylvaniaPerson of Interest/ Project/Agency / Pilot /Owner/Governing Agency/OrganizationInitiative:Department of Health (DOH)

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

State disease surveillance system with pilot projects in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh 6/2002.

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Source for Additional Information

Creating A Secure Homeland: A Report on Pennsylvania Progress

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 Project Title
 State-level Initiatives: Washington

 /Agency / Pilot /
 Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** University of Washington School of Public Health & Community Medicine

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Spring/Summer 2002 update re: Northwest States preparedness activities (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming), with links to each state's specific initiatives.

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Project TitleNational Association for County/Agency / Pilot /and City Health OfficialsInitiative:Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** NACCHO

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Terrific study of preparedness efforts and status within cities across the United States. Public components of information covered in press releases, white paper and congressional testimony, as well as in articles in major national publications offering coverage of the completed study

#### **Reference Number** 32

#### Source for Additional Information

www.naccho.org

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Project TitleFederally Sponsored Scenario/Agency / Pilot /Exercises (Dark Winter and TopOff)Initiative:Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** HHS Office of Emergency Preparedness and its partners

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

These exercises which were designed, organized and executed on a large scale provide valuable lessons in preparedness which can be adapted to enrich any existing plan in place - whether it serves the needs of an organization, community or a larger region

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Project Title	Federally Sponsored Scenario	Person of In
/Agency / Pilot /	Exercises (Dark Winter and TopOff)	<b>Owner/Gov</b>
Initiative:		Johns Hopki
		Biodefense

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization Johns Hopkins Center for Civilian Biodefense, ANSER, Center for Strategic and International Research and Memorial

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

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#### **Source for Additional Information**

Center for Strategic and International Studies: www.csis.org. Johns Hopkins Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies:

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Project TitleRODS - Real-time Outbreak And/Agency / Pilot /Disease SurveillanceInitiative:Initiative

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** National Library of Medicine Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality - Centers for Disease Control -Prevention Center for

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

This line of research began in 1999 and evolved from work in clinical event monitoring funded by the National Library of Medicine. The National Library of Medicine encouraged the application of this technology to the problem of real-time detection of biological events.

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#### Source for Additional Information

http://www.health.pitt.edu/rods

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Project Title HAN- Health Alert Network /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization Centers for Disease Control

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Through the Health Alert Network (HAN) initiative, CDC is aiding state and local health departments to raise their capacity and preparedness to deal with public health threats. Key elements are modern information and communication systems, a fully trained workforce, and robust organizational capacity to address the full spectrum of public health issues, including potential bioterrorism. Since CDC launched the initiative in 1999, nearly \$90 million in grants have gone to 50 states, Guam, and 7 large cities (including local Centers for Public Health Preparedness). CDC provides consultation and technical assistance to the grantees.

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Source for Additional Information

http://www.cdc.gov/programs/bio2.htm

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<b>Project</b> Title	ESSENCE- Electronic Surveillance	Person of Interest/ Project
/Agency / Pilot /	System for the Early Notification of	<b>Owner/Governing Agency/Organization</b>
Initiative:	Community-Based Epidemics	Dept of Defense

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Department of Defense Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) system (5), which is based on encounter data from health services operated by the Department of Defense

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#### Source for Additional Information

http://www.geis.ha.osd.mil/

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Project TitleNCEDD - North Carolina/Agency / Pilot /Emergency Department DatabaseInitiative:Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** CDC - Homeland Security Initiative - NC DHHS - UNC-Chapel Hill

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Emergency Dept Data Warehouse - Collects emergency Dept data on a daily basis from disparate, heterogeneous hospital systems statewide. Standardize the data using the CDC's emergency department recommended standard, DEEDS.

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#### Source for Additional Information

www.ncedd.org

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Project TitleNY Bioterrorism Surveillance/Agency / Pilot /SystemInitiative:

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Manual reveiw of ED data downloaded from NY emergency departments. The data is then reviewed by a physician.

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Project Title HealthSentry /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization Cerner Corp

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The system, called HealthSentry, monitors the types of testing at participants' labs and gathers the data for the health department, which can use the information for early detection of disease outbreaks or biological warfare attacks.

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#### **Source for Additional Information**

http://www.kclifesciences.org/content/Newsroom/2002Announce ments/20020422CernerAnn.asp

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Project Title HealthPartners in Minnesota /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

After the Sept. 11 attacks, HealthPartners in Minnesota began screening diagnosis data arriving from hundreds of doctors' offices and 19 clinics in the Twin Cities region. The insurer checks for 31 symptoms or diseases that could be early warning signs of a bioterrorism attack. The number of cases of each symptom is compared with a 5-year average, looking for an increase or pattern, and the results are sent nightly to local public health officials.

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Project Title System in Washington State /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Hospitals and labs in Washington state are testing a surveillance system that tracks laboratory results from several hospitals and labs. It has allowed them to cut the time it takes to notify national disease experts of potential outbreaks to days instead of weeks.

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 Project Title
 CDC and Massachusetts Partnership
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Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

We describe here an automated system developed in a partnership between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, a large group practice, a health plan, and an academic department. The system produces next-day information about illness clusters, based on ambulatory-care visits and telephone calls.

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Project Title	Knowledge-Based Bioterrorism
/Agency / Pilot /	Surveillance
Initiative:	

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### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

National Pharmaceutical Stockpile Drill Analysis Using XML Data collection

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### Source for Additional Information

www.phig.washington.edu

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Project Title Frontlines of Medicine /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The Frontlines of Medicine Project: A proposal for the standardized communication of emergency department data for public health uses including syndromic surveillance for biological and chemical terrorism

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Project Title Harvard Consortium /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced today that \$1.2 million is being awarded to the Harvard Consortium for a pilot program to develop an early warning system for terrorism attacks. The project would be just one element of a national warning system and will utilize managed care networks that already exist, scanning these systems continually for clusters of illness.

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Project TitleNEDSS - National Electronic/Agency / Pilot /Disease Surveillance SystemInitiative:Initiative

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS) is an initiative that promotes the use of data and information system standards to advance the development of efficient, integrated, and interoperable surveillance systems at federal, state and local levels.

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Project TitleMOST Charlotte-Mechlanburg Co./Agency / Pilot /AreaInitiative:Initiative:

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

MOST - Medical Online Surveillance Tool - is an operational public health tool managed and operated by Mecklenburg County Health Department to provide early warning and response to emerging public health threats, including bioterrorism.

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#### Source for Additional Information

www.ncmost.org

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Project Title /Agency / Pilot /	LEADERS - Lightweight Epidemiology Advanced Detection	Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization
Initiative:	& Response System	Developed by USAF with consortium of
		EYT, Oracle, ScenPro, Compressus, Idaho Technology

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Provided medical surveillance for signs and symptoms of a biological attack for NY within 24 hours of the attack on the World Trade Center.

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<b>Project</b> Title	SAMS - SNAP Automated Medical	Person of Interest/ Project
/Agency / Pilot /	System (SNAP - Shipboard Non-	<b>Owner/Governing Agency/Organization</b>
Initiative:	tactical Automated Data Processing)	Navy/SPAWAR

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Web based system for syndromic surveillance to track medical readiness of Navy and Marine operational units and can be data mined for disease surveillance (not syndromic)

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Project TitleMDSS - Medical Data SurveillancePerson/Agency / Pilot /SystemOwnerInitiative:NHRC

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** NHRC/SPAWAR

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Detects burst and trend statistical changes in diagnosis or number of patients seen

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Project TitleDMSS - Defense Medical/Agency / Pilot /Surveillance SystemInitiative:

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization AMSA

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Automated information system that provides medical surveillance and epidemiological information to policy makers, medical planners, and researchers

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Project TitleRDSS - Rapidly Deployable/Agency / Pilot /Surveillance SystemInitiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** NEHC

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Non computerized (paper and pencil) surveillance system for immediate use in Navy Military treatment facilities that are not automated.

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Project TitleFMSS - Field Medical Surveillance/Agency / Pilot /SystemInitiative:Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** NHRC

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Used at first echelon on care for foreign deployments or conflicts. Provides the ability to record, analyze and disseminate data on disease and illnesses.

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Project Title	MSS/LERSM - Medical	Person of Interest/ Project
/Agency / Pilot /	Surveillance System/Lower Echelon	Owner/Governing Agency/Organization
Initiative:	Report and Surveillance Module	TMIP - Theater Medical Information Program (Defense Dept)

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Will provide situational awareness, patient tracking and medical surveillance functions.

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Project TitleDHSS - Defense Health/Agency / Pilot /Surveillance SystemInitiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** CHPPM/SOCOM (Army)

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Capture Level 1 medical data point of care. Provides secure and timely data transfer to centralized health data bank.

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Project TitleGEMS - Global Expeditonay/Agency / Pilot /Medical SystemInitiative:Initiative

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization USAF

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Comprised of Patient Encounter Module (PEM), Theater Epideniology Module (TEM), and Theater Occupational Module (TOM).

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Project Title	BASIICS - Biothreat Active	Person of Interest/ Project
/Agency / Pilot /	Surveillance Integrated Information	Owner/Governing Agency/Organization
Initiative:	and Communications System	Health Hero Network, Inc.

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Point of Care surveillance system. Does analysis of data from multiple geographic levels . SYSTEM WILL ACCELERATE THE REPORTING AND DETECTION OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL THREATS. Active Disease Surveillance · Consistent Data Collection · Real-time Analysis Respond to Changing Conditions · Automate Manual Processes · Dynamic Survey Capability

### **Reference Number** 58

### Source for Additional Information

www.healthhero.com/products/basiccs.html

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Project Title	RSVP - Rapid Syndromic
/Agency / Pilot /	Validation Project
Initiative:	

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Sandia National Labs

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Internet based, real-time reporting of disease syndromes

**Reference Number** 59

Source for Additional Information

rsvp.sandia.gov

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Project Title SURVEIL (not an acronym) /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: **Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** DSHI Systems, Inc.

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Collects data at point of care and sorts into 30 common disease syndrome groups. Syndromic surveillance: biological & chemical terrorism Chronic disease surveillance Computerized recruiting for clinical trials

#### **Reference Number** 60

#### **Source for Additional Information**

http://www.dshisystems.com/

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Project Title RedBat /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: **Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** ICPA, Inc.

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

A bioterrorism and reportable disease software management system. Imports data from hospitals and transmits to a central location for community wide analysis. Identifies uncommon or atypical clusters of symptoms and outcomes.

#### **Reference Number** 61

#### Source for Additional Information

www.icpa.net/redbat.htm

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Project TitleDARPA - Defense Advanced/Agency / Pilot /Research Projects AgencyInitiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** InfectionControl and Prevention Analysts (ICPA)

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Bio-surveillanceRedBat<sup>™</sup> is the only truly affordable syndromic surveillance software system available today. It is the perfect link between Point-of-Care facilities (such as hospitals) and Agencies (such as the public health department). Syndromic Surveillance (the ongoing analysis of medical data to search for unusual combinations of signs and symptoms in a population) is a key requirement for bioterrorism preparedness! Only RedBat gives you the big advantage of very minimal data entry. It does not require dedicated personnel to enter data, but instead uses SymptomScan<sup>™</sup> (proprietary "text mining" technology) to extract useful information from symptoms already recorded in the hospital ED (or Billing) computer system. Using a large dictionary of terms. RedBat automatically converts symptom or chief complaint text into codes that appear in the RedBat screens.

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**Source for Additional Information** 

http://www.icpa.net/redbat.htm

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 Project Title
 New York State Physicians Intranet
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 /Agency / Pilot /
 Initiative:
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Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization \$60 million grant from Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the state and New York City

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

New York state plans to create the first statewide alert system designed to rapidly inform doctors of suspected biological and chemical terrorist attacks, sudden disease outbreaks, or other public health emergencies, officials said.

#### **Reference Number** 63

#### **Source for Additional Information**

http://online.wsj.com/article/0,,BT\_CO\_20021219\_003960,00.ht ml

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Project Title	Quintiles Pharmacy Data
/Agency / Pilot /	Surveillance System -Versipan
Initiative:	

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Quintiles Corp.

**Reference Number** 64

### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Surveillance system based on Pharmacy data

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Project Title /Agency / Pilot /	Homeland Security Legislation and Related Appropriations	Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization
Initiative:		

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

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Project Title	Disaster Preparedness Legislation	Person of Interest/ Project
/Agency / Pilot /	and Related Appropriations	Owner/Governing Agency/Organization
Initiative:		

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

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Project TitleHart-Rudmann Commission/Agency / Pilot /Initiative:

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

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Project Title /Agency / Pilot / Initiative:	GAOStudy on the flow of funds to and from Preparedness Efforts across the US	Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization
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Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

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Project TitleHHS - Centers for Disease Control/Agency / Pilot /Initiative:

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

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Project TitleHHS - Office of Public Health/Agency / Pilot /PreparednessInitiative:

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

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Project Title	DOD Initiatives - Defense Threat
/Agency / Pilot /	Reduction Agency
Initiative:	

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

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<b>Project</b> Title	DOD Initiatives - Program	Person of Interest/ Project
/Agency / Pilot /	Executive Office for Chemical and	<b>Owner/Governing Agency/Organization</b>
Initiative:	Biological Defense	

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

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Project TitleISAC - Information Sharing &/Agency / Pilot /Analysis CentersInitiative:Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** US Dept of Homeland Security

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

An ISAC exists to enable members to share information about vulnerabilities, threats, and incidents (cyber and physical). Many of the ISACs, particularly since the events on September 11th, 2001, now include reporting on physical threat information as well.

An ISAC is intended to gather, analyze, and disseminate to its members an integrated view of information system and other infrastructure vulnerabilities, threats, and incidents that are relevant to the ISAC's sponsoring sector. An ISAC may also share best security practices and solutions among its members.

The information which ISACs commonly work with provide warnings, establish trends in types and severity of attacks, and share threats and solutions among the ISAC membership and other appropriate organizations, including the federal government. This information can be included in the government's analysis to help inform the public of possible threats.

**Reference Number** 75

#### Source for Additional Information

http://www.ciao.gov/industry/isac.html

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Project Title AHRQ Report /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

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Project Title	Syndromic Surveillance for
/Agency / Pilot /	Bioterrorism - New York
Initiative:	

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

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Project Title ED Alert Network /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization

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Project TitleEmergency Department/Agency / Pilot /Surveillance System in CaliforniaInitiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Dr. Eric Koscove, chief of the emergency department at Kaiser

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Health maintenance organization Kaiser Permanente is rolling out a new Internet-based bioterrorismmonitoring system at two Northern California facilities. Coincidentally, the system is going live as the government makes final plans to wage war with Iraq and raises the nation's terror-alert level again to orange. Kaiser had previously scheduled to turn it on this month, says Dr. Eric Koscove, chief of the emergency department at Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center.

The system has been under development for the last 18 months in partnership with the San Mateo County Health Department, which will also be using the system to track reports of unusual patient symptoms documented electronically by Kaiser's emergency physicians. Kaiser's system is based on the Rapid Syndrome Validation Project, developed by Sandia National Laboratories. Sandia provided the software free to Kaiser and San Mateo County, Koscove says.

Emergency-room doctors enter symptoms into the system--no patient names or other identifying information, except patient ZIP codes, are used. County public health officials can view the data to spot unusual outbreaks of symptoms geographically, which could indicate a bioterrorist attack or other public health crisis. Says Koscove, "This system cost us zero, and takes only a minute for doctors to use."

#### **Reference Number** 78

**Source for Additional Information** 

http://www.informationweek.com/story/IWK20030318S0009

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Project TitleINDIANAPOLIS NETWORK FORPer/Agency / Pilot /PRIMARY CARE (INPC)OwInitiative:"Cl

Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization "Clement J. McDonald, M.D.Marc Overhage MD, PhDRegenstrief Institute &Indiana University School of Medicine"

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

"• Up and running for more than 7 years• Start with modest goal (Emergency Care \_• Extend by adding projects one step at a time• Focus on Clinical and public health issues • Includes all 5 major Indianapolis hospital systems (95% of non office care)• Includes all 4 Homeless care system• Includes county and state public health departments• Adds 300,000 ER visits /year• Adds 50 million lab results per year "

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Project Title DHHS PDA Pilot /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: **Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** US DHHS

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The Department of Heath and Human Services will test a system that uses handhelds to transmit urgent messages to medical personnel in the event of a biological attack.

**Reference Number** 81

#### Source for Additional Information

http://www.informationweek.com/story/IWK20030321S0037

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Project Title2003 National Syndromic/Agency / Pilot /Surveillance Conference &Initiative:Workshop

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Hosted by the New York Academy of Medicine, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene(NYC

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

A workshop for public health practitioners actively working in local or state health departments. This 3 day workshop will demonstrate all aspects of creating a syndromic surveillance system.Conference Overview

The second National Syndromic Surveillance Conference will be held at The New York Academy of Medicine from October 23rd to 24th, 2003. This conference will bring together leading public health practitioners from the federal to local level with the foremost academicians, data providers, and policy-makers, to discuss the rapidly evolving field of Syndromic surveillance. Topics that will be discussed in the 2 day conference are:

The National and Local context of Syndromic Surviellance

Evaluation of Syndromic Surveillance Systems, analytics, and data sources

Temporal methodologies and data sources

Temporal – spatial methodologies and data sources

Data transfer and transformation

Data sources and data acquisition

Public health response to signals

**Reference Number** 82

#### **Source for Additional Information**

http://www.nyam.org/events/syndromicconference/index.shtml

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Project TitleHealthcare Collaborative Network/Agency / Pilot /(HCN)Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** eHealth Initiative

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The Healthcare Collaborative Network (HCN), which was born out of the work of Connecting for Health and the Foundation for eHealth Initiative, is an ambitious demonstration project designed to show electronic communications using common standards can help patients receive necessary and timely medical treatment and guard against medical errors and help public health receive the information it needs to identify and respond to public health threats. Describing the Network, Landro says, "…"Over the next year, a group of participating hospitals, technology companies and government agencies will use Markle's Healthcare Collaborative Network to share de-identified information on patients' clinical procedures, lab results, prescriptions and diagnostic summaries". Launched in June, HCN involves a growing consortium of more than 20 public and private sector organizations, including nationally recognized health care providers; public health agencies; payers; government agencies including CDC, CMS and FDA; and leading healthcare IT suppliers.

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**Source for Additional Information** 

www.eheatlh.com

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Project TitlePublic Health Information Network/Agency / Pilot /(PHIN)Initiative:

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The Public Health Information Network (PHIN) is this framework. Through defined data and vocabulary standards and strong collaborative relationships, the Public Health Information Network will enable consistent exchange of response, health, and disease tracking data between public health partners. Ensuring the security of this information is also critical as is the ability of the network to work reliably in times of national crisis. PHIN is composed of five key components: detection and monitoring, data analysis, knowledge management, alerting and response:

#### **Reference Number** 84

Source for Additional Information

http://www.cdc.gov/phin/

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Project TitleNational Health Information/Agency / Pilot /InfrastructureInitiative:Infrastructure

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** US Department of Health and Human Services

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

What is NHII? The National Health Information Infrastructure (NHII) is an initiative set forth to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and overall quality of health and health care in the United States. A comprehensive knowledge-based network of interoperable systems of clinical, public health, and personal health information that would improve decision-making by making health information available when and where it is needed. The set of technologies, standards, applications, systems, values, and laws that support all facets of individual health, health care, and public health. It is voluntary NOT a centralized database of medical records or a government regulation . Why do we need a National Health Information Infrastructure? To improve patient safety (alert for medication errors, drug allergies, etc). To improve healthcare quality (includes having the availability of complete medical records, test results and x-rays at the point of care, integrating health information from multiple sources and providers, incorporating the use of decision support tools with guidelines and research results, etc). For Bioterrorism detection (NHII will enable real-time aggregation of health data to detect patterns). To better inform and empower health care consumers regarding their own personal health information. To better understand health care costs.

**Reference Number** 85

Source for Additional Information

http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/sp/nhii

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Project Title	Vanderbilt Univ Medical Center
/Agency / Pilot /	Emergency Department Workflow
Initiative:	and Bioterrorism Detection System

**Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** Dr. Jon Warkentin, Metro Public Health (Nashville, Tn) Director

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

ED computer system could aid bioterror detection February 24, 2003 A computer system developed by Vanderbilt University Medical Center researchers to improve emergency department workflow may also help detect bioterrorism. Local health officials currently are investigating if the technology could be used for both applications, the Tennessean reports.

The system allows emergency department workers to instantly access patient records, which are displayed on a large, central screen. Health workers can look for similar symptoms among different patients, according to the Tennessean. By linking patient information systems from each of its departments, the system can display patients' laboratory, radiology and other reports on a single screen.

The Metro Public Health Department, which serves Nashville and Davidson County, hopes the system can be used to detect potential disease outbreaks or terrorist attacks, according to Dr. Jon Warkentin, head of the department's Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention (Lewis, 2/24).

#### **Reference Number** 86

**Source for Additional Information** 

<http://ihealthbeat.org/members/basecontent\_p.asp?collectionid= 548&program=1&contentid=24634&programid=1>

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Project TitleWashington, DC City's health/Agency / Pilot /department early disease warningInitiative:system

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### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

Washington, D.C.: The city's health department is developing a disease early warning system that uses the Internet and wireless technology to coordinate an emergency response in the case of a bioterrorist attack, Knight Ridder reports. Schools, hospitals, pharmacies, and other locations would use a special Internet site to file reports into a secure database run by the health department. The Washington Automated Disease Surveillance System, which is funded and supported by the CDC, would flag any unusual activity and send an automated warning to designated health officials once

the number of flagged reports exceeds a pre-determined number. Health department investigators then would go to the scene to gather and report additional information with handheld wireless devices. The first phase of the multiyear initiative will be completed in November, officials say, adding that several other phases are still in development.

#### **Reference Number** 87

#### Source for Additional Information

Ramstack, Knight Ridder / Washington Times, 8/8/2003

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Project Title Silent Farmland - War Game /Agency / Pilot / Initiative: **Person of Interest/ Project Owner/Governing Agency/Organization** North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS): National Defense University (NDU);

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

SILENT FARMLAND
What: "War game" type exercise called SILENT FARMLAND
When: Tuesday, August 5, 2003 (see agenda for specifics)
Where: Sheraton Imperial Hotel, RTP
Why: SILENT FARMLAND:
• is a review of national and state initiatives for dealing with agricultural Bioterrorism
• will highlight the protections needed to effectively deploy and utilize the NC National Guard, as well as Department of Defense personnel, during an agricultural bioterrorism
• will address the ability to protect our food production and supply chains
SILENT FARMLAND is an adaptation of National Defense University's SILENT PRAIRIE crisis simulation exercise that was played by members of Congress in June 2002 and again in February 2003.

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#### **Source for Additional Information**

Foot & Mouth Disease, go to: http://www.ncagr.com/vet/DiseaseAlertsFMD.htm

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Project Title	Certificate Program in Community	Person of Interest/ Project
/Agency / Pilot /	Preparedness and Disaster	Owner/Governing Agency/Organization
Initiative:	Management	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

#### Short description of preparedness activity/initiative

The School of Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill has developed a professional certificate program to provide community leaders in public health, health services, and emergency management with the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of management systems used to prepare for, and to respond to, natural and man-made disasters, including terrorism.

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#### Source for Additional Information

http://www.sph.unc.edu/

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