

December 9, 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Roger Rufe
Director for Operations, Coordination and Planning
Department of Homeland Security

THROUGH: Elliott Langer
Designated Federal Officer

FROM: Mike Milstead 
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SUBJECT: HSINAC Statement Concerning the Continued
Development of HSIN Next Generation

The Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Committee (HSINAC) unanimously agreed to the following statement with the intent of clarifying its recommendations dated 17 September 2008 while recognizing the importance of HSIN Next Generation to the nation.

The Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Committee unanimously stands behind all of its recommendations to include those of September 17, 2008. While the Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Committee (HSINAC) has strongly recommended that the Department of Homeland Security modify its approach in developing the next generation of HSIN to include greater input from the end users and greater integration with other federal information sharing systems, the HSINAC is equally firm in its commitment and support of DHS's effort to develop an enhanced national Homeland Security Information Network. The HSINAC also strongly supports technical improvements that enhance reliability, security and redundancy as well as initiatives that partner with all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to understand and incorporate information sharing requirements into future upgrades and redesigns.

We request this statement be added to the public record, transmitted to the appropriate leadership within DHS, and posted accordingly.