### DHS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

# Northeastern ADEPT Conference





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## **Conference Introduction**

- David Taylor, DHS S&T Portfolio Manager for CBP Office of Field Operations and Office of Trade.
- DHS S&T provides R&D solutions to CBP.
- There are over a 100 people attending, 20-25 speakers.
  - From different industries, Foreign Governments, Government agencies and Center of Excellence and University partners.
  - We need innovative people with new ideas to use this conference as a means of improved dialogue and collaboration.
- We have a complex operational environment and there is no magic wand that will do everything.
  - There is no one-stop solution or shortcut
- Technology providers need to understand CBP's Operational Environment.
- We hope you enjoy the Conference today and the dialogue from various speakers.



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## **Ports of Entry**

- Environment: Processed through 328 Ports of Entry annually:
  - 25+ million containers
  - CBP processed 390 million travelers, 119 million at air ports of entry
  - 74+ million POVs pass across the southern border annually
  - Nine major International Mail Facilities arriving from more than 180+ countries, as well as 25 established express consignment carrier (ECC)
- Threat:
  - Drugs, terrorists and transnational Criminal Organizations, contraband, potential pathway for WMD, customs violations, agriculture threats
  - Emerging Opioid Crisis
- Current Operational Issues:
  - Lack of reliable technology and data cause many "good" containers to be inappropriately designated as "High Risk"
    - Need to scan a higher volume of containers
  - Aging fleet of cargo scanning equipment with high maintenance costs
  - CBP OFO manpower expected to remain flat in out-years
  - Increasing traffic volume
  - Lack technologies to detect and interdict synthetic opioids.
  - Improved biometric capabilities to strengthen traveler vetting and facilitate legitimate travel.





# Where we are focusing our R&D Dollars.

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- Enhance detection capabilities for all threats
- Improve the capability to improve cargo data analytics
- Biometrics to strengthen traveler vetting and facilitate lawful and legitimate travel
- Build operational capability for agricultural and biological threats.
- Enhance biometric capability in vehicles at speed.
- Improve capability for agencies to enforce trade laws against counterfeit, unsafe, and fraudulent inbound/outbound goods.
- Research economic impacts for all facets of trade
- Build a futurist vision by providing support from leading edge technology investors (ie Natl' Labs) and develop coalitions between DARPA research, S&T testing of multiple products and CBP operational needs.





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# In Summary

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- We face challenges. Let's face them together.
  - There is no one-stop solution or shortcut
- I challenge the Conference Technology providers to understand CBP's Operational Environment.
  - Which one of you is going to be an innovator?
- We hope you enjoy the Conference
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