Summary of Conclusions – ESF-14 Cross-Sector Business & Infrastructure Conference Call

Opening Comments
- Thanks for joining today’s call
- Idea of call to assist with issue spotting, understanding what is being seen at the ground level
- HSIN is location to find past calls
- Call information posted to FEMA NBEOC site
- Various web links provided to callers for additional resources and to submit questions/comments
- Media requested to drop and contact CISA EA
- All information is at Unclassified Level
- Information purposes for call and business solicitations are not being received. NBEOC is location for solicitations

CISA Director Krebs
- Thanks to folks on the call today
- Seeing glimmers of hope for flattening the curve of spread of COVID-19
- The purpose of the call is the desire to provide issues being seen and want to understand what stakeholders are seeing as well as to assist with getting solutions to issues/challenges
- Giving whole of nation/government approach on these calls
- Introduction of Acting DHS Secretary Wolf

Acting DHS Secretary Wolf
- Provide overview of DHS response to COVID-19
- 3 priorities outlined for DHS response
  - Respond to the pandemic and ensure institute whole of DHS approach
  - Recover from COVID-19 impacts
  - Ensure DHS is in position to restore trade and commerce as soon as possible
    - Just stood up a COVID-19 Secretary Advisory Group for this effort
- Sit in the TF meetings daily. Mitigation is working and continue to emphasize
- A lot of guidance out there as solutions are tailored to individual states and regions
- FEMA – leading effort in whole of America response to COVID-19
  - Unprecedented nature of COVID-19, particularly due to number of states, territories, and tribes impacted by COVID at the same time
  - 57 billion dollars obligated to states through disaster funds
  - 26 different government agencies deployed through FEAM NRCC
  - Over 27K National Guard, 3K FEAM, 2K USACE deployed for the response
- Lines of Effort
  - Supply chain, ventilators, ACS, testing
  - 4 lines of effort for supply chain: all countries looking for PPE from same number of limited vendors
    - Preservation – preserve PPE
    - Acceleration of PPE efforts – air bridge from Asia to the U.S.; 66 flights to date; millions of supplies delivered (50% surged to hot spots, 50% through normal distribution)
    - Expansion – domestic expansion, DPA, private industry initiatives, cloth face coverings, N95 masks, ventilators, etc.
    - Allocation – ensure right quantities get to the right place at the right time. SCTF has insight from private providers. Unique in that can see down to county level
  - ACS – USACE managing and leading effort in construction
  - Testing – over 4 Million tests completed to date; Community Based Mobile Testing sites available
- Trade & Travel Mission
  - CDC has Level 3 travel warning in effect
  - 95 to 96 percent decline in air travel (domestic & international)
  - Restrictions on 30 different countries
o Put in North American agreement with Canada & MX for non-essential travel restrictions; trade can still flow for commerce
o Implementing a CDC order to Border Patrol to ensure suspend entry of individuals into the country without proper documentation
- CBP & USCG did excellent job managing cruise ships/industry. Cruise industry has a Do Not Sail order in place
- CISA ECIWG used by Governors around the country. Working to ensure synergy between US and MX. Working on the Cyber front to put out alerts due to cyber actors using COVID as a platform
- ICE deportations are used to pick-up U.S. citizens from other countries and bring them back to the U.S. 11K citizens brought back thus far
- Fraudulent Activities – number of efforts throughout DHS. All looking at how bad actors taking advantage of COVID-19 to conduct scams, fraudulent tests, etc. DHS LE capacity at work
- Cloth face mask, PPE, various industries
  o Working to get PPE and cloth face masks to critical infrastructure as much as possible. FEMA & CISA have plans in place
- Thank everyone on the call to help the department and response to COVID-19. Government and private sector working together to protect the country and getting it back online
- Feedback is appreciated from private sector

MX City Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs (US Embassy in MX City)
- Has pulse on trying to align what is going on in MX with CISA guidance
- MX & US alignment and differences will be discussed
- What have been doing MX
  o Want to provide a cultural economic perspective to challenges and differences between the U.S. and MX response to COVID-19
  o 9 consulates in MX
  o MX City is informed by situation in the field
  o Critical Industry issues being worked in MX by the US Embassy. Doing what can to support American business in MX and those that support the supply chain
  o Looking at how to ensure able to get things moving once recovery begins
  o U.S. Ambassador has daily conversations with MX Ministers
  o Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labor are also engaged
  o Advocate MX government take similar approach as US to CISA ECIWG. MX Government made clear could not adopt guidelines as broad as in the US. MX has issued objectives as force of law. Tried to take a top down approach. 24 & 31 Mar, MX issued orders
    ▪ Medical industry and medical services, telecom, energy, etc. were topics
  o 5 Apr, MX put out guidance to other areas of the economy
  o MX guidance is significantly more restrictive stance. MX is less economic and health sector is less prepared as the U.S. Estimated 7K ventilators throughout the entire country. The officials understand the medical industry challenges. The key to all is mitigation. Flattening the curve. Limited number of testing regimes in place. MX testing is much lower; 872 confirmed cases in MX. Confident over 100K cases in MX. MX realizes limitations of health sector
  o MX is entering Phase III. Widespread community transmission. Mid-May expect to peak. Health Emergency extended to 1 June
  o MX Government takes strict measures with ears wide open. Only 2 other (Greece, Japan) countries to have larger hits to their economy than MX
  o U.S. companies caught up in restrictions, but necessary for MX due to limited economic and medical capacities
  o Secretary of Labor is more involved in the restrictions. Some companies operating that are not on the essential list or on the list and not following Dept of Health guidelines
  o Significant difference in state application of the MX Government guidance. Baja, CA has been one of the hardest hit states in MX

Q&A
Question:
Is there a centralized place for information regarding testing and antibodies?
Answer:
- There may be a good website reverence for GIS information for testing across the states. Send request to CISA.gov for web-site information.
Question:
• Sonora put information out that border companies will close past 1 June?
• Company has made masks available, but no traction in finding takers.

Answer:
• The closures may not be accurate.
• The 1 June date it is a bit of a moving target and will reassess.
• NBEOC is location to submit concern with PPE.

Question:
• MX, within the last 48 hours seems to ramp up issues for appliance manufactures. Hearing that some of the border states had appliances seem to be ok but seeing federal labor inspectors closing folks down. Some of the products being made will help to flatten the curve (refrigeration, washing machines, etc.)
• Company looking at letter with MX Appliance Association to send to MX Government to address this issue.

Answer:
• Will take offline. Sounds like a good approach.

Question:
• Aerospace industry sent a letter to 10 different secretaries in the US, CAN, and MX to ask for essentiality across North America.
  o Produce civilian and military aerospace products.
• Has the MX Government considered the aerospace sector as designated essential?

Answer:
• Aerospace is not at the top of the MX priorities for missions.
• Progress has been made with MX Government for essential designations.

Question:
• Request to know if guidance in place regarding classification of automated temp data (health care) and suspension of prohibitions on facial recognition technology (contract tracing)?

Answer:
• Will take back.
• Best way to get questions addressed is to send to CISA.gov and hit COVID questions tab.

Question:
• What is FEMA’s plan for making cloth masks available to companies as they start back up?

Answer:
• Initiative underway for CI partners to identify and get cloth masks to them.
• Working to try and push cloth masks out as quickly as possible. In the first phase of getting them sent out.

Question:
• Was there a gap analysis on version 2.0 to 3.0 for ECIWG?
• CO2 disruption reported on open source media.

Answer:
• CISA took most of queues from private sector to look for gaps during shift from version 2.0 to 3.0 of ECIWG.
• Commodity chemical sector disruption – have seen some concern to CO2. Ethanol is also affected. Lot of folks working across Food & AG and chemical Sector who have been looking at both and working those issues. Can look at where we are with certain commodities and how to report that out.
• Specific question can be sent to CISA.gov.

Closing Comments
• Thanks to all for joining today and have a great day.