2nd Civilian-Military Anthrax Response Technical Workshop:
Current State of Federal Governmental Capabilities and Positions
Sponsored by the National Response Team (NRT)
Washington DC   April 13-14 2004

Condensed Agenda

PRIMARY GOALS: (1) Share lessons learned and determine issues to be updated/added to NRT's 2001 Anthrax Response Technical Advisory Document (TAD) (to potentially include guidance applicable to other biological agents of concern).   **(2)** Identify consensus positions on various key issues. **(3)** Identify key POCs – particularly those willing to assist with the update of various TAD chapters; and **(4)** Encourage collaboration on future/ongoing initiatives

DAY 1 a.m. 0715 - 1200- *PLENARY SESSION*
0715 - 0820   Registration (no fee)
0830   -Welcome & Opening Remarks
         -The National Response Plan and Bio response
         -Should be still be concerned with Anthrax?
         -Lessons from other Biologicals (SARS, Monkepox, WNV, BSE, Ricin)
         -The NRT TAD and Key Issues of Concern
         -Overview of Military Bio Capabilities and Advances
         -Conference Admin/Breakout Overview

DAY 1 p.m. 1300- 1730 – 3 BREAKOUTS (see attached for details of topics/presentations):
1. Detection
   – Remote, Stand-Off and Sentinel Systems
   - Field screening/real-time monitoring
   - Advances in Sampling Procedures
   – Laboratories and facilities for sentinel and confirmatory identification
2. Risk Assessment and Management
   - Traditional risk assessment concepts /methods
   - Exposure and Disease
   - Current Microbial Risk Assessment Approaches/Initiatives
   - Risk management issues
3. Decontamination
   - Buildings
   - Equipment/sensitive items
   - Outdoor/large area
   - Other – People, Waste items/materiel

DAY 2 a.m. 0830- 1200- BREAKOUTS cont'd; address 'key questions' and wrap-up
   - Detection
   - Risk Assessment and Management
   - Decontamination

DAY 2 pm 1300-1630   - PLENARY
   - Panel presentation – summarize breakouts, positions on 'key questions'
   - Facilitated discussion (when is a threat a threat and 'how clean is clean issue')
   - Identification of key future needs/established efforts
   - Identification of TAD chapter developers, key POCs, and wrap up