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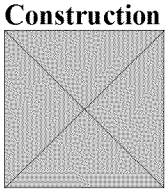
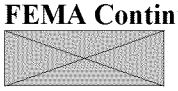
Daily News & Analysis

Construction of DHS's New Headquarters Gets 'Reality Check'



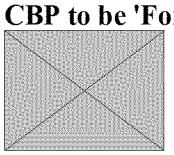
The 26-page report of a congressional study of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) new headquarters said it's "unclear how active DHS officials were in choosing the site" and that the department's decision to push... »

FEMA Continues to Support Response Efforts in West Virginia



As anger and frustration erupted Friday in response to the estimated 300,000 West Virginia residents who'd been without drinking water for several days as a result of a toxic chemical leak that contaminated the... »

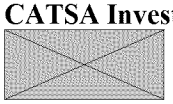
CBP to be 'Formally' Authorized Under New Bill, Lawmaker Says



Legislation that would "formally authorize" Customs and Border Protection (CBP) "and clarify the security missions of the department for the first time since the Department of Homeland Security was created in 2002" was introduced... »

Industry News

CATSA Invests $60 Million in Explosives Detection



The Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) contracted L-3 Security & Detection Systems to supply its high-speed eXaminer XLB explosives detection systems. The total value of the contract, including service, is... »

Department of Energy Awards Contract to Detect Cyber Attacks on Utilities

The Department of Energy (DoE) has awarded the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) $1.7 million to help detect cyber attacks on the nation's utility companies. By partnering with the Georgia Tech School of Electrical and... »

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A public policy group says a review of US terrorist arrests shows the government's collection of bulk phone records does little to prevent terrorism, adding fuel to a debate over whether the spy program should be ended. Read... »

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It's easy to tell which kids in this town have helped to make it a global center for criminal hacking and Internet scams. Read complete report here. »

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Key elements of a new nuclear agreement between Iran and six world powers are contained in an informal, 30-page text not yet publicly acknowledged by Western officials, Iran's chief negotiator said Monday. Read complete report... »

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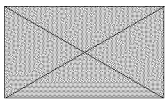
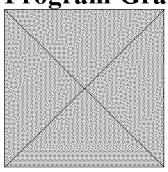
Coast Guard Cutter Polar Star to Assist Vessels in Antarctica



The US Coast Guard Cutter Polar Star is responding to a Jan. 3rd request from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) to assist the Russian-Flagged Akademik Shokalskiy and Chinese-Flagged Xue Long that are reportedly... »

Senate HS Committee Chair Commends Delaware's Management of Homeland Security Program Grants



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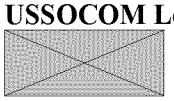

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Industry Announcements

Schlage Provides Two New FIPS 201-1 Compliant Options

Allegion PLC announced that the AD-201 FIPS 201-1 compliant standalone electronic lock is now available for United States Federal Agency buildings using PIV and PIV-I credentials. It features a FIPS 201-1 compliant... »

Lumeta IPsonar 5.5C Achieves Common Criteria Certification

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Grants and Funding

Grants to Two States Will Support Pilot Online Identity Technologies and Reduce Fraud

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has awarded more than $2 million in grants to Pennsylvania and Michigan to test new online identity technologies to improve access to government services and the delivery... »

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Think Again: Mexican Drug Cartels

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