



WHSR / TSA SENIOR INDUSTRY FORUM SERIES: OFFICE OF SECURITY CAPABILITIES ENGAGEMENT GROUP

INNOVATION FOCUS GROUP MARCH 18, 2013

The Washington Homeland Security Roundtable (WHSR) launched the TSA Office of Security Capabilities (OSC) Innovation Focus Group (Innovation Group). This Innovation Group is one of seven focus groups created out of the WHSR / OSC Engagement Group.

WHSR hosted the first WHSR / OSC Engagement Group meeting on November 27, 2012. Representatives from OSC and industry participated in the meeting to kick off an on-going exchange of information, ideas and best practices concerning TSA's security capabilities, specifically focusing on the OSC's strategic plan and other areas of strategic importance. Focus group activities may be used by OSC to inform the development of their strategic plan along with other areas of operation.

The Innovation Group held its first meeting on March 18, 2013. It consists of representatives from industry, WHSR and TSA. This group will meet monthly through March 2014.

The TSA staff shared their internal innovation programs, including Wild Card and the Idea Factory. The discussion centered on creating a balance between internal and external innovation forums and the processes involved, along with ideas from various firms recognized for innovation. The meeting concluded by the Innovation Group participants deciding to embark on the creation of an Innovation Framework to



submit to OSC. The point of the framework is to identify points at which any stakeholder (e.g., OSC employee, TSA user, vendor, university) can submit an innovative idea and have it “heard.” Initial first steps include a data call of Innovation Group participants for successful tools, pilots, and best practices that they been involved with within their own companies and how those successes may translate to TSA/OSC.