Session Moderator and Panelist:  Kevin R. Cornelius

Agency:  Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Division

Description:  As a threat-based and intelligence-driven national security organization, the mission of the FBI is to protect and defend the United States against terrorist and foreign intelligence threats, to uphold and enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and to provide leadership and criminal justice services to federal, state, municipal, and international agencies and partners.

Role:  As the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the National Security Branch of the Cincinnati Division, Mr. Cornelius is responsible for the program management of Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence, Cyber, and the Intelligence programs.

Bio:  ASAC Kevin R. Cornelius entered on duty as Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 25, 1991. Since his initial training at Quantico, Virginia, he has served in the Indianapolis; Washington Field Office; and Quantico Virginia Training Division. Additionally, Kevin was assigned to the Critical Incident Response Group as a member of the Hostage Rescue Team and a Faculty Instructor for the FBI Academy’s Leadership Development Institute. In 2003, he was transferred to the Cincinnati Division, where he served as the supervisor of the Southern Ohio Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) located in the Columbus Resident Agency. In January of 2008, he was chosen as the ASAC in charge of the National Security Branch of the Cincinnati Division.

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Panelist:  James Anderson

Agency:  Defense Security Service (DSS)

Description:  DSS provides oversight of all Cleared Defense Contractors (CDCs) within the National Defense Industrial Base (DIB). DSS ensures compliance with the National Industrial Security Operating Manual by providing advice and assistance through daily interaction with the CDCs regarding Facility clearance, Classified safeguarding, cyber security, and personal security requirements. Oversight is enforced through the annual inspection process. DSS is comprised of two primary divisions, Industrial Security Field Operations, and Counterintelligence.

Role:  Mr. Anderson serves as a Field Counterintelligence (CI) Specialist and provides CI support to the CDC by providing CI education, foreign travel pre-briefings and de-briefings. Mr. Anderson conducts preliminary inquiries of Suspicious Contact reports submitted by industry and the subsequent submission of those reports.

Bio:  Mr. Anderson has 25 years in the Counterintelligence field. Mr. Anderson retired after serving 22 years in the US Army, and subsequently worked two years with the Defense Logistics Agency as the Senior Counterintelligence Agent. Mr. Anderson has been with DSS just under one year serving in the Detroit Field Office.

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Panelist: Elizabeth Farrow

Agency: U.S. Treasury Department, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)

Description: OFAC administers and enforces economic and trade sanctions based on U.S. foreign policy and national security goals against targeted foreign countries and regimes, terrorists, international narcotics traffickers, those engaged in activities related to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and other threats to the national security, foreign policy or economy of the United States.

Role: Senior Sanctions Advisor, specializing in licensing issues.

Bio: Liz Farrow serves as a Senior Sanctions Advisor in the Licensing Division at OFAC. Previously, Ms. Farrow served as the Assistant Director for Licensing at OFAC, managing a Division of 27 employees responsible for developing and implementing licensing policy. Ms. Farrow is also responsible for providing interpretive guidance to the public on the applicability of OFAC sanctions programs to international corporate, trade and financial transactions by U.S. persons involving countries or designated entities and individuals.

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Panelist: Steve Francis


Description: ICE/HSI is the principal investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the second largest investigative agency in the federal government. ICE/HSI is the only federal law enforcement agency with full statutory authority to investigate and enforce criminal violations of all U.S. export laws related to military items, controlled “dual-use” commodities and sanctioned or embargoed countries.

Role: Mr. Francis is the Supervisory Special Agent with Homeland Security Investigations in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Francis supervises 14 Special Agents who conduct a broad range of criminal investigations, to include, export violations, human trafficking, narcotics investigations, marriage fraud, and child pornography.

Bio: Steve came to Columbus in April 2010 from Washington, DC where he was a Section Chief with the Counter Proliferation Investigations Unit, responsible for overseeing illegal exports investigations.

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Panelist: Candace Goforth  

Agency: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, U.S. Department of State  

Description: The Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) at the U.S. Department of State regulates the export and import of defense articles, including related technical data, and the provision of defense services by U.S. persons to foreign persons. The subject exports and imports are adjudicated for consistency with U.S. foreign policy and national security. DDTC is mandated with developing export policies, and compliance and enforcement of these policies and issued authorizations.

Role: Division Chief, Emerging Technologies and Training  

Bio: Ms. Goforth has been with DDTC since January 2000 serving in numerous roles and positions. Currently, Ms. Goforth is responsible for training all incoming licensing and agreements officers as well providing external training to the defense industry and government agencies, in the U.S. and abroad. Additionally she is charged with the formulating standard operating procedures and quality assurance reviews of internal policy and procedures for improvement.

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Panelist: Phil Kuhn  

Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Export Enforcement (OEE)  

Description: The Export Enforcement arm of the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security works to deter and prevent the illegal export of dual use items, which in the hands of unreliable end-users, can prove damaging to U.S. national security and foreign policy interests. OEE accomplishes this by investigating violations of export control laws, interdicting illegal exports and assisting in the prosecution of violators of export controls.

Role: Mr. Kuhn is a Special Agent assigned to the SAC-DC field office of the Office of Export Enforcement. Mr. Kuhn is also assigned as a Task Force Officer to two FBI Field Offices.

Bio: Mr. Kuhn served as a Special Agent with OEE since 2003. Prior to that time, Mr. Kuhn was a Special Agent with the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, the agency responsible for oversight of the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Kuhn has also served several years in the intelligence community and is a graduate of Vanderbilt University.

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Panelist: Mark Levett

Agency: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Headquarters

Description: As a threat-based and intelligence-driven national security organization, the mission of the FBI is to protect and defend the United States against terrorist and foreign intelligence threats, to uphold and enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and to provide leadership and criminal justice services to federal, state, municipal, and international agencies and partners.

Role: Mr. Levett currently serves as Unit Chief of the Strategic Partnerships Unit in the Counterintelligence Division, Headquarters, FBI. In this capacity, Mr. Levett is the lead of the FBI’s national level private sector outreach and partnership initiatives focused on strengthening the CI posture of Corporate America, the Defense Industrial Base and Academia.

Bio: Mr. Levett has extensive experience (17+ years) in Counterintelligence and Intelligence positions as an FBI Special Agent and a Naval Intelligence Officer. In the fall of 2003, Mr. Levett was promoted to a Supervisory Special Agent position at FBHQ where he worked in the Counterintelligence Division's Close Access/Special Projects Unit. Mr. Levett started his career with the FBI in November 1998 at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. Mr. Levett’s first assignment upon graduation from the FBI Academy was to the New York City Field Office. Mr. Levett spent five years in New York as a field agent working a diverse number of cases in the Criminal Division prior to a permanent squad assignment working Counterintelligence issues. Mr. Levett worked several Counterterrorism issues in the New York metropolitan area in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Prior to the FBI, Mr. Levett served nine years in the US Navy as a surface warfare officer and Naval Intelligence Officer. Assignments as an Intelligence officer included two deployments with VF-103, an F-14 squadron deployed on the USS Saratoga and three and a half years assigned to SEAL Team Eight in Little Creek, Virginia. Subsequent to resigning his commission, Mr. Levett spent a year at General Electric’s Transportation Division as a Contracting Agent (1998). Mr. Levett is a 1988 graduate of the US Naval Academy.

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