

PS-Prep—The Voluntary Private Sector Preparedness Accreditation & Certification Program

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What is the PS-Prep Program?

Vision: A culture of preparedness in the private sector that enhances national resilience to all-hazards.

Mission: To enhance nationwide resilience in an all-hazards environment by means of a program to improve private sector preparedness through conformance to one of the DHS-adopted preparedness standards.

The PS-Prep Program is:

- A voluntary accreditation and certification program designed to raise the level of preparedness throughout the private sector
- A DHS program, coordinated through FEMA



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History of the PS-Prep Program

According to the 9/11 Commission:

- The private sector remains largely unprepared for a terrorist attack
- The lack of a widely embraced private sector preparedness standard is a principal contributing factor to this lack of preparedness
- Unless a terrorist's target is a military or other secure government facility, the "first" responders will almost certainly be civilians. Homeland security and national preparedness therefore often begin with the private sector



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History of the PS-Prep Program

Title IX of Public Law 110-53 is a Congressional mandate for a *voluntary* program of accreditation and certification for the private sector to enhance nationwide *resilience* in an *all-hazards* environment by improving private sector preparedness

In response to PL 110-53, DHS established the PS-Prep Program.



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Adopted Standards

Three standards have been adopted:

- ASIS International **ASIS SPC.1-2009**, Organizational Resilience: Security Preparedness, and Continuity Management Systems
- British Standards Institution (BSI) **BS 25999**, Business Continuity Management Standard
- National Fire Protection Association **(NFPA) 1600**, Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs, 2007 and 2010 Editions



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PS-Prep Small Business

Preparedness

The small business community represents the largest single body of stakeholders in the private sector preparedness enterprise.

DHS received comments about small business aspects of the PS-Prep Program through public meetings across the country, Federal Register Notice, and meetings with organizations interested in preparedness and small business.

These comments further defined small business concerns and provided recommendations regarding appropriate considerations for “separate classifications and methods for small business.”



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PS-Prep Resource Center

www.fema.gov/privatesector/preparedness

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