Homeland Security Opportunity Analysis:

An Assessment of DHS Budget and Contracting Trends

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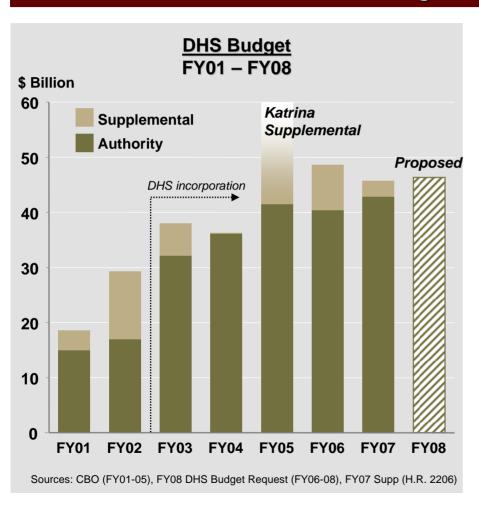


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DHS spending remains robust, though below the FY06 peak following Hurricane Katrina

DHS Budget Trends



FY08 Major Budget Trends

■ 2007 \$42.8B plus \$2.9B Supplementals

 More than \$700M in supplemental funds reserved for aviation security and State & Local grants

■ 2008 \$46.4B

- 8% growth from 2007
- 8% CAGR (not including Supplementals) since DHS incorporation in 2003
- Growth across most agencies

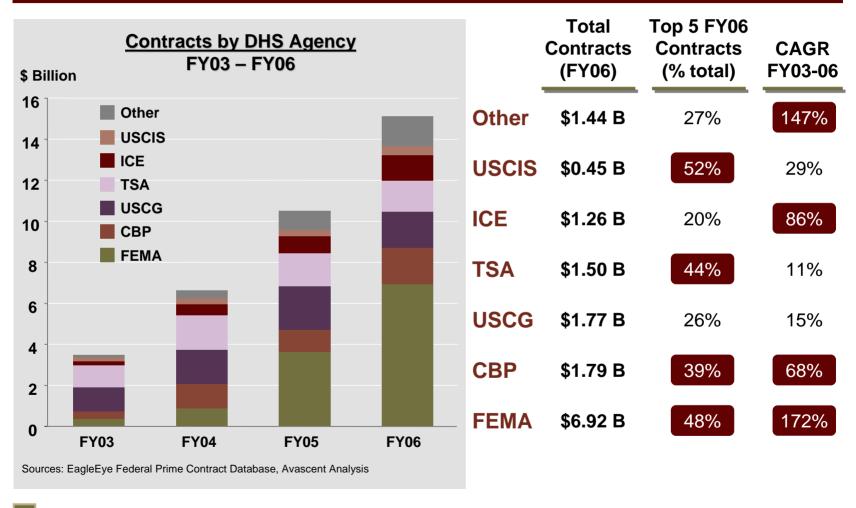
R&D priorities at S&T, DNDO and OHA

- Continued spending on CBRNE technologies (current and next-gen)
- S&T dedicating approximately \$80M to innovative high-risk technologies

Despite net increases in virtually all agencies' budgets, not all growth will present opportunity for significant industry involvement

The fastest growth in contracting in recent years has taken place within FEMA, CBP, ICE, as well as select new offices and R&D programs under DHS

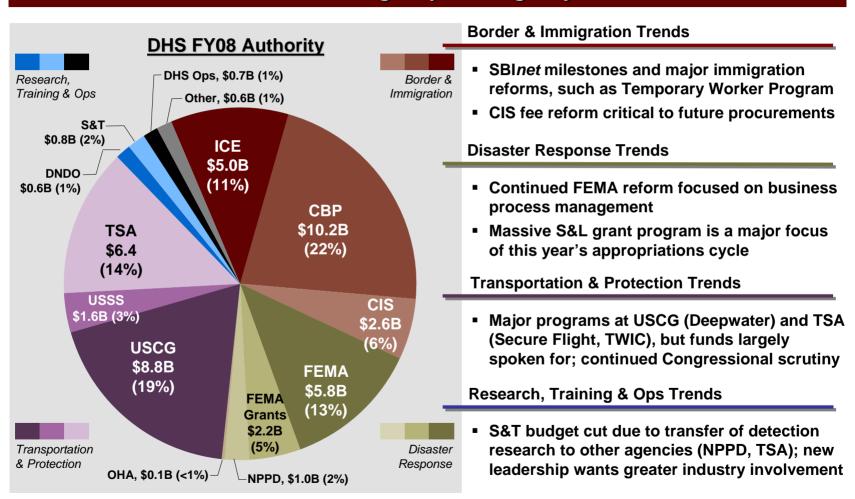
DHS Contracting Trends



A handful of contracts account for a large share of contracting dollars within FEMA, CBP, TSA, and USCIS

Border & Immigration is the largest DHS market segment; Transportation & Protection remains large but funds are largely committed

FY08 Budget by DHS Agency



CBP, CIS and DNDO all post double-digit budget growth, whereas the S&T Directorate is receiving an 18 percent decline

Despite net funding increases at almost every DHS agency, only a few organizations present significant near-term opportunity



Six macro priorities are driving DHS-wide spending objectices

FY08 Macro Priorities

Comprehensive Immigration Reform

- SBI
 - Largest funding item for 2008
- CIS Processing Capacity
 - Modernization critical to building credibility for TWP
- Detention Capacity
 - Needs more efficient processing to support significant interior activity

Bio-security and Public Health Emergencies

- OHA
 - New OHA with biological detection and response authorities
 - Important role with State and Locals given BioShield and Medical Readiness activity

Biometrics and ID Programs

- USVISIT
 - Focus on building increased biometric interoperability; exit not a priority
- WHTI
 - Significant infrastructure outlays
- Real ID
 - Deadline for state implementation spring 2008

Nuclear Detection and Chemical Facility Security

- RPM Deployment and Next-Generation Research
 - Deployed technology to scan
 99% of containerized cargo
 - Policy questions regarding overseas screening
- Chemical Site Security Office
 - New regulations in place

Transportation Security

- Air Cargo
 - Congressional pressure to inspect/screen 100% on passenger planes
- Securing the Cities
 - Technology for NYC pilot to be deployed by end of 2008
- TWIC
 - Expect next phase to include infrastructure

Federal Response to Hazards and Disasters

- State & Local Assistance
 - More defined, categorical approach to grants
- FEMA Retooling
 - Vision for a new FEMA
- Workforce Enhancements
 - Converting cadre of on-call response employees

Business with DHS will become increasingly relationship based

Customer Lessons Learned

On-schedule Deliveries for Existing Programs

- Premium on delivery, especially for high-profile programs
- No surprises keep client informed of any challenges or delays
- Increasing use of performance metrics

Low-risk Technical Solutions

- Low-risk solutions = new business wins (e.g. SBInet, TWIC)
- Eagle/First Source as preferred vehicle
- Watch SBInet closely
- Personal relationships are important to build customer trust

Small Business
Partnerships

- Eagle Small Business as the critical vehicle
- Incumbent small businesses provide additional customer comfort
- Small business teaming opportunities increase program access

Public Support of Key Programs

- Bite back in the press where necessary
- Industry invited/required at more Congressional hearings
- Proactively manage messaging and public perception with DHS customer