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The threat landscape facing our nation and world is complex, varied, and dynamic. We are expected to be facing in the near future. This rolling RFP provides CINA, DHS, and/or its federal partners are currently facing, or are expected to be facing, in the near future. This rolling RFP provides insight and context for supporting the workforce in understanding and addressing the challenges they will be tasked with addressing.

CINA continues to welcome Paper Submissions for the virtual 2021 COE Summit on May 19-20, 2021 to see what the latest thinking and research is in the field of homeland security. The Summit is hosted by the DHS Centers of Excellence (COE) and offers a unique opportunity to engage with experts from academia, government, industry, and non-profits. The Summit is free to attend and like previous COE Summits, we also welcome your questions, thoughts, and feedback. If you like, come just to listen and learn. It’s a great opportunity to network with colleagues from around the country.

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virtual hearing on Thursday, March 25 where the discussion of Dr. Louise Shelley, member was part of the Subcommittee on National Security, Institutions, and Emerging Threats and is Director of the Institute for Political Economy and a Research Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Dr. Shelley will be discussing her recent book, “Human Smuggling: The Business of Migrant and Refugee Trafficking.”

George Mason University’s Center for Innovation in Crime Information Cybersecurity and Data Analysis (CCICADA) and the National Infrastructure Technology Cooperation and Coordination Alliance (NCITE) are leading a panel to discuss network discovery from data. The panel includes academic and industry experts, and will address the common goals of safety and security for our people, our nation, and the world. The valuable partnership with DHS at all levels, we trust each other, and we are all working towards the common goals of safety and security for our people, our nation, and the world. There are related and complementary skills and expertise at the different centers, and we have learned when to join forces, when to share, and when to get out of each other’s way. This investment. A microcosm of this approach is the DHS Center of Excellence program. This approach recognizes that we cannot do this alone or in a vacuum.

We should not forget that we have learned when to join forces, when to share, and when to get out of each other’s way. This approach recognizes that we cannot do this alone or in a vacuum. The obvious answer is by working together toward common goals, mixing tried and true methods with cutting-edge research and technology, and addressing risks not yet realized. So how do we tackle this daunting spikey ball of challenges? There are related and complementary skills and expertise at the different centers, and we recognize that we cannot do this alone or in a vacuum.

Watch the recent CINA Distinguished Speaker Series with Diana Dietz, Professor of Public Policy and Global Security at the Olivia H. Kimmerly School of Public Policy at George Mason University. Professor Dietz holds multiple roles at George Mason University, including Chair of the Public Policy Department and Professor of Global Security. She is well prepared for the experience, holding multiple knowledge, skills, and abilities from her previous work. Professor Dietz's expertise in public policy and national security is evident in her presentations. She has given talks on topics such as national security and terrorism and has also conducted research on the role of financial systems in combating human trafficking.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recently announced a grant of $400,000 to the Center for Innovation in Crime Information Cybersecurity and Data Analysis (CCICADA), a partnership between DHS and George Mason University. The grant will support a new project called the Homeland Security Center of Excellence (HSCOE) at George Mason University. The project will focus on the use of blockchain technology to combat human trafficking and related crimes. The HSCOE will work with government agencies, non-profit organizations, and academic institutions to develop and deploy blockchain-based solutions.