Public-Private Partnerships for the Financial Services Sector

Regional Coalitions

Current Coalitions
Please contact the coalition in your area if you are interested in joining.

Alabama Recovery Coalition for the Financial Sector: www.arcfs.com
ArizonaFIRST: www.arizonafirst.org
BARCfirst (San Francisco Bay Area): www.barcfirst.com
ChicagoFIRST: www.chicagofirst.org
DFW First (Dallas/Fort Worth): www.dfwfirst.org
FloridaFIRST: www.flafirst.org
HawaiiFIRST: www.hawaiifirst.org
Minnesota: www.mnisac.org
SoCalFIRST: (Southern California): www.socalfirst.com
ShowMeFIRST: (Southeast Missouri): www.showmefirst.org

Colorado           Virginia
Delaware Valley     Georgia
Houston             Memphis
North Carolina      Philadelphia
National Capitol Region

Financial Sector Partnerships

Financial and Banking Information Infrastructure Committee (FBIIC) - Chartered under the President's Working Group on Financial Markets and coordinates resilience activities among financial regulators. (www.fbiic.gov)

Financial Services Sector Coordinating Council for Critical Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security (FSSCC) - Works to reinforce the financial sector's resilience against terrorist attacks and other threats to the Nation's financial infrastructure. (www.fsscc.org)

Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC) – An industry forum for collaboration on critical security threats facing the financial services sector. (www.fsisac.com)

Regional Partnership Council (RPC fist) – A partnership of regional coalitions within the financial sector. (www.rpcfirst.org)

To find out more about any of the coalitions, please visit the Regional Partnership Council's website: www.rpcfirst.org
**What are Regional Coalitions?**

In 2003, the U.S. Treasury Department directed the Financial and Banking Information Infrastructure Committee (FBIIC) and worked with the Financial Services Sector Coordinating Council (FSSCC) to encourage the financial services sector to establish public and private partnerships across the country through the formation of regional coalitions.

Regional coalitions bring financial services sector organizations together to achieve a common goal of facilitating the recovery of the sector following a natural disaster or man-made attack.

By fostering an environment of cooperation and building relationships with Federal, State, and local governments prior to a disaster, **regional coalitions promote continuity of critical financial services to the communities they serve.**

**Benefits of Regional Coalitions**

- Provides one regional voice for the financial services community during a crisis.
- Promotes awareness of the criticality of the financial services sector with local, regional, and State governments.
- Facilitates information sharing among coalition members, government, and strategic partners during a crisis.
- Assists members with strengthening their individual security and business continuity plans.
- Fosters relationships with other critical infrastructures such as energy, telecommunications, and transportation that are essential to the operation of the financial services sector.

**Strategic Partners**

Regional coalitions establish a network with the public sector as well as other critical sectors to facilitate the flow of information before, during, and after a disaster. Regional coalition strategic partners may include:

- City, county, and State emergency management agencies
- Department of Homeland Security State representatives
- Law enforcement
- Fire and other emergency responders
- FBI InfraGard
- Federal and State financial regulators
- Utility companies
- Telecommunications companies
- Financial sector organizations such as FBIIC and FSSCC
- Private sector organizations such as Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC)