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■ **FDIC Issues Guidance to Facilitate Recovery in Areas of Oklahoma Affected by Severe Weather**

This week the FDIC announced a series of steps intended to provide regulatory relief to financial institutions and facilitate recovery in areas of Oklahoma affected by severe storms, tornadoes and straight-line winds.

[Read the Financial Institution Letter.](#)

■ **Department of Homeland Security Releases Domestic Terror Threat Assessments**

Yesterday, DHS released three documents to the financial sector and other key portions of the critical infrastructure which outline the continuing terrorist threat and recommend protection measures. These documents note that “the number and pace of attempted attacks against the United States over the past nine months have surpassed the number of attempts during any other previous one-year period.”

Three unclassified DHS documents are attached to this bulletin. The documents are “for official use only” and thus should not be distributed outside your institution:

**Terrorists Have Continued Interest in Creative Concealment of Explosives**

This Note discusses the potential use of explosives and their concealment. FBI and the DHS/Office of Intelligence and Analysis have no specific information regarding the timing, location, or target of any planned attack against the Homeland. Bank officials, however, should be cognizant of the threat posed by explosive devices and the various creative ways they may be concealed within common materials.

**Evolution of the Terrorist Threat to the United States**

DHS notes that the U.S. faces a persistent and evolving terrorist threat from a number of violent “jihadist” groups that are aligned ideologically with, but not necessarily directed by, al-Qa’ida. These groups are driven by their undiminished intent to attack the U.S. and a continued effort by these terrorist groups to adapt and improve their capabilities. Given recent terrorist activity, homeland security partners should operate under the premise that other operatives are in the country and could advance plotting with little or no warning.

**Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities**

In this note, DHS provides a listing of potential indicators of terrorist activity, common vulnerabilities, and recommended protective actions that businesses can take.

■ **DHS Releases Private Sector Resources Catalog**

This week, the DHS Private Sector Office released its first resources catalog. Targeted specifically towards the private sector, this document collects the training, publications, guidance, alerts, newsletters, programs, and services available to the private sector across the department. [Click here](#) to download the catalog.

The Private Sector Office (PSO) coordinates communication between DHS and the private sector. PSO

is available to provide assistance or address your comments, questions, issues and concerns and can be reached at [private.sector@dhs.gov](mailto:private.sector@dhs.gov), (202) 282-8484. You can also sign up for PSO's weekly updates by [clicking here](#).

■ **Join ABA's Security Network!**

ABA has launched a professional network that provides physical security, loss prevention and information security professionals who are employed by members of the American Bankers Association a forum to share ideas. The site is by invitation only. If you are interested please contact Doug Johnson at [djohnson@aba.com](mailto:djohnson@aba.com).

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