

# Client Advisory

## Department of Homeland Security Announces New Agenda

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On July 13, 2005, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff, announced a new six-point agenda for the Department intended to ensure that its policies, operations and structures are aligned in the best way to address the potential threats facing the United States. Among other things, the new agenda includes the creation of the "Secure Freight" initiative as well as a major restructuring of the Department.

The Secure Freight initiative is designed to improve transportation security, without sacrificing mobility, by gathering and assessing more complete data from the global supply chain to develop a more accurate profile of container contents in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of inspections. In addition, the Department intends to complete its deployment of radiation portal detectors at ports, strengthen aviation security through the use of better technology and increase traveler user fees to better fund the Transportation Security Administration.

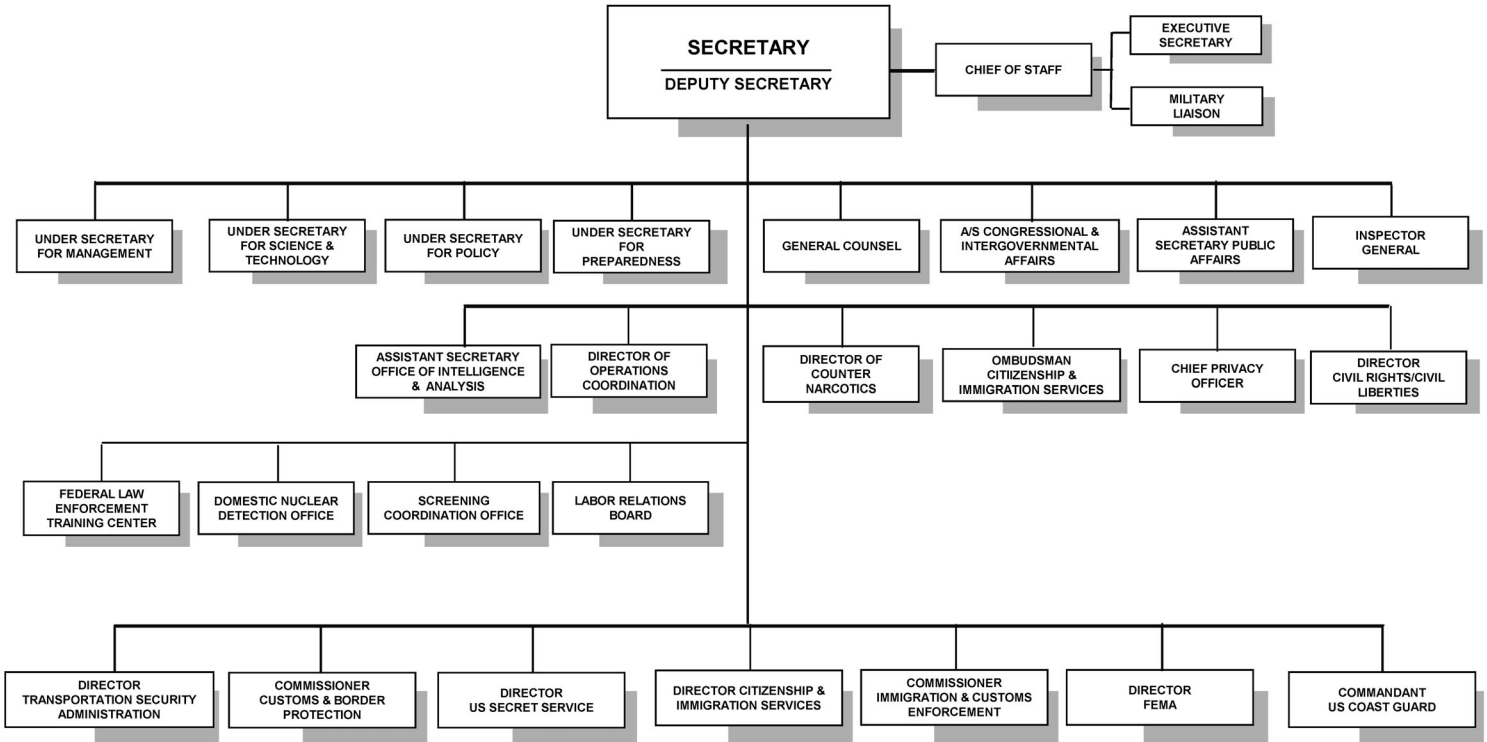
The proposed reorganization of the Department (a chart of which is attached below) includes making the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) directly responsible to the Secretary. Commissioner Bonner has issued a statement in support of the proposed change, claiming that it will streamline the Department in a way that will lead to greater efficiency and effectiveness. There has been no indication that the internal organization of the CBP will be affected by the restructuring.

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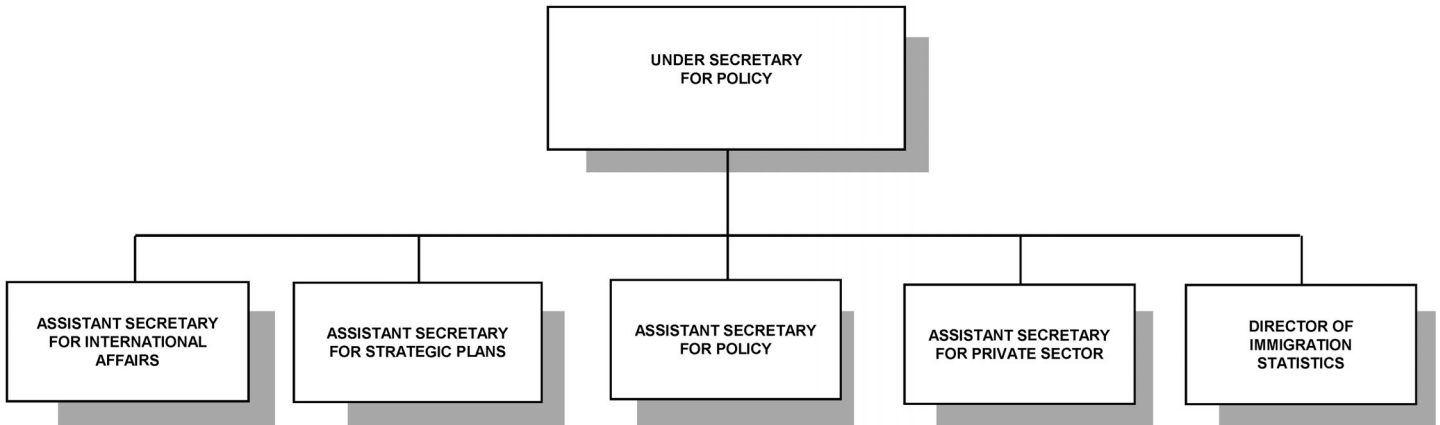
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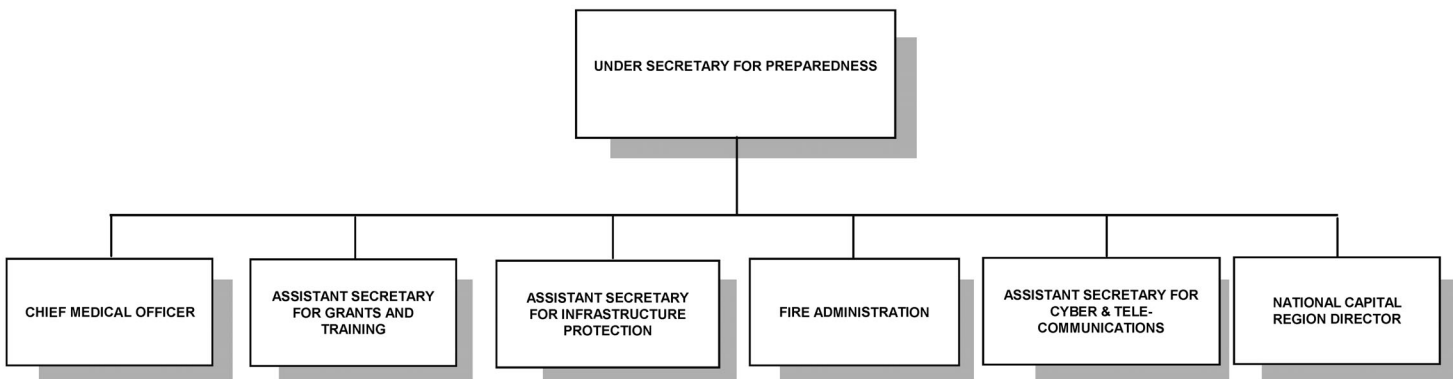
# Department of Homeland Security Organization Chart (proposed end state)



# Department of Homeland Security Organization Chart—Policy (proposed end state)



# Department of Homeland Security Organization Chart—Preparedness (proposed end state)



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