



## Partnering Agreement for The Infrastructure Security Partnership (TISP) Protecting the Built Environment

**Preamble** - Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, a dedicated group of public and private sector organizations proposed the establishment of an "association of associations and agencies," a partnership, to collaborate on issues related to the security of the nation's built environment. The name of this organization is THE INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY PARTNERSHIP (TISP) for the Built Environment, hereafter referred to as the "Partnership".

**Article I. Purpose** - The Partnership will act as a national asset facilitating dialogue on domestic infrastructure security; offering technical support and sources for expert comment on public policy related to the security of the nation's built environment. The Partnership will collaborate on issues related to the security of the nation's built environment and leverage members' collective technical expertise and research and development capabilities. It is a fundamental goal of the Partnership to reach out to all stakeholders potentially affected by any disaster and to provide technical assistance and information to the Office of Homeland Security

**Article II. Membership** - Membership is open to U.S. based local, state, and federal agencies, professional associations and societies, and industry trade groups, code and standards associations, and associations of infrastructure developers, owners and operators whose main purpose is related to the nation's built environment. There are no fees or dues associated with membership. Partnership members are expected to actively participate within their organization's mission and areas of expertise. Individual interests will have open access and input to the communications networks and events that will be used to share information.

### Article III. Partnership Objectives

1. Promote joint efforts to improve anti-terrorism and asset protection methods and techniques for the built environment.
2. Promote the participation of all interested organizations and ensure effective communication between all participating entities from the national to the state and local level.
3. Cooperate in the identification and dissemination of data and information related to the security of the built environment.
4. Promote effective and efficient transfer of infrastructure security knowledge from research to codes, standards, public policy and general practice
5. Encourage synergy between organizations to react quickly and positively to issues of significance.
6. Promote effective professional relationships to further the advancement of the infrastructure industry.
7. Encourage and support the development of a methodology for assessing vulnerabilities.
8. Encourage the establishment of protocols related to the sensitivity of information generated and distributed by the Partnership.
9. Consider consequences of anti-terrorism/asset protection measures to occupants of facilities and emergency responders.

**Article IV. Member's Commitment** - In signing this partnering agreement we pledge our support to improve the security of America's infrastructure through the shared objectives of this Partnership.

Agreed to this day  
March 11, 2002

Dwight A. Beranek, P.E.  
Chairman  
The Infrastructure Security Partnership

Howard Blizman, P.E.  
President Elect  
National Society of Professional Engineers