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# U.S. Federal Foresight Community of Interest

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## Why establish a Federal Foresight Community of Interest (FFCoI)?

**Purpose:** This framework establishes guidelines for fostering cross agency support and development of foresight ideas, strategies, and methods among Members working to improve the use of Strategic Foresight.



# Background

- ❑ The U.S. Federal Foresight Community of Interest (FFCoI) was established by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in January of 2013
- ❑ Held inaugural meeting of the FFCoI (March 27, 2013)
- ❑ In December 2013, the VA and the U.S. Bureau of Prisons combined resources to enhance the Community of Interest
- ❑ Held Quarterly meeting and established schedule for future FFCoI meetings (January 23, 2014)
- ❑ Held Quarterly FFCoI meeting (April 24, 2014)
- ❑ Refine Framework for the FFCoI (May 2014)
- ❑ Next scheduled Quarterly FFCoI meetings (July 24, 2014, September 25, 2014, December 18, 2014, and March 19, 2015)



# Membership

**Membership:** Open to all U.S. Federal employees who work in the areas of foresight, futures, planning, innovation, and risk management. Leadership positions are voluntary and will be chosen each year by group consensus.

**Guest Participation:** Open by invitation, of a Member organization, to all external organizations who are working on foresight, long range planning, or innovation issues.

**Council:** The FFCoI will be led by a council made up of Members from across the U.S. Federal Government.

The council will be composed of:

- Two Co-Chairs selected by the Member organizations. Co-Chairs will rotate each calendar year.
- Two members from U.S. Federal Agencies (e.g., Defense (including Services), Justice, Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs, State, Treasury, Commerce, Education).
- One member from independent agencies (e.g., EPA, NASA, OPM, USPS)
- One *ex officio* from past Co-Chairs.



# Capabilities

- ❑ Sharing Foresight methodologies, best practices, results and products
- ❑ Providing a document repository for the community to include past meeting presentations, research/issue papers, results of foresight efforts
- ❑ Leveraging non attritional peer analysis, expertise, and resources
- ❑ Fostering cross agency research and collaboration
- ❑ Advance, institutionalize, and demonstrate the value of foresight/futures in the Federal government
- ❑ Promoting cross agency connectivity and leadership engagement



# Outcomes

- Development of foresight tools and capabilities that equip the FFCoI to be better prepared to meet a full range of complex and changing environments
- Leverage FFCoI will maximize U.S. Federal government resources and provide member organizations with strategic foresight analysis and products that are data supported and coordinated. FFCoI will help mitigate or take advantage of long range foresight challenges and opportunities
- FFCoI resources to produce routine products



# Discussion Points

- What are some additional best practices of establishing a Foresight network?
- How does the FFCoI leverage expertise of the larger Foresight Community?
- What are ways the FFCoI can engage other Foresight networks and establish sustainable public and private partnerships?
- What are some of the challenges of working with Federal Government Strategic Foresight practitioners?
- How has the FFCoI helped its members?



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