



OFFICE OF PRIVATE SECTOR

Connect to Protect

Mission

To protect our nation's economy and national security by strengthening the FBI's relationships with the U.S. private sector*.

Key Objectives

The Office of Private Sector (OPS) seeks to have knowledge of the FBI's interactions with the private sector, across the enterprise, and provides a 360 degree understanding of that relationship. Among other activities, it works to enhance the FBI's understanding of the private sector's risks and needs, and increases collaboration and information sharing between the Bureau and private sector – thereby helping to mitigate risk and remain “ahead of the threat.”

Structure

In addition to the main office at FBI Headquarters, there is a Private Sector Coordinator in every field office to help the FBI connect with private industry and academia more effectively. Private Sector Coordinators are responsible for maintaining an understanding of the FBI's engagement with private industry and academia at the field office level, and connecting them with the right FBI personnel to address whatever challenge they are facing. OPS also encourages private sector leaders to have meaningful engagement with FBI field office leadership.

For more information about OPS and its programs, please visit [FBI.gov/OPS](https://www.fbi.gov/OPS). [Click here to view the OPS promotional video.](#)

*The FBI defines “private sector” as U.S. companies, businesses, academia, and related associations.

Priorities

At a high-level, the objectives of OPS are to:

- Facilitate one “FBI voice,” and provide a consistent point of contact for private industry and academia to call who will connect them with the right FBI official to engage with – whatever the concern;
- Focus on meaningful dialogue and engagement with private sector partners, and build trust;
- Increase visibility and awareness for both private sector and the FBI on items of mutual interest, and the role each plays in countering threats; and,
- Seek to assist companies and universities working on innovative technology that may be targeted.

OPS Programs

Legacy programs for public-private information sharing:

- **Domestic Security Alliance Council (DSAC):**

DSAC is a strategic partnership between the U.S. government and U.S. private industry (Fortune 1000) that enhances communication, and promotes the effective exchange of information.

- **InfraGard:**

InfraGard is a partnership between the FBI and members of the private sector that provides a vehicle of public-private collaboration.

- **Academia:**

The Academia Program collaborates with FBI operational divisions to forge new strategic relationships between the FBI and academia, strengthen existing liaison efforts with academic institutions and associations, and increase the FBI's impact, scope, and uniformity of messaging to academia.