



July 9, 2021

## **BLOCK DESIGNATION NOTICE**

The Department of Homeland Security (the “Department” or “DHS”) has completed its review of the DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (“CISA”) Office for Bombing Prevention (“OBP”) Empowered Trainer Initiative (“ETI”) Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (“C-IED”) Train-the-Trainer (“TtT”) Program as a Block Designation, pursuant to the Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. §§ 441–444 (the “SAFETY Act”), and the Regulations Implementing the Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002, 6 C.F.R. Part 25, 71 Fed. Reg. 33147, 33159 (June 8, 2006) (the “Regulations”). Pursuant to Section 25.3 of the Regulations, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (the “Secretary”) has delegated responsibilities, powers, and functions under the SAFETY Act, except the authority to declare that an act is an Act of Terrorism for purposes of Section 444(2) of the SAFETY Act, to the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security or the Under Secretary's designees.”

In accordance with Sections 25.4(b) and 25.6(h) of the Regulations, I have determined that the OBP ETI C-IED TtT Program affirmatively satisfies the criteria for a SAFETY Act Block Designation and participants of the OBP ETI C-IED TtT Program are therefore eligible to apply for inclusion in this Block Designation. A determination of inclusion will be made by the Department in accordance with Section 25.6(h) of the Regulations, following an expedited review of the application, subject to the terms and conditions below.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- **OBP ETI C-IED TtT Program.** Authorized trainers provide OBP-approved ETI C-IED training curriculum that is relevant to the Department’s anti-terrorism mission and may apply for this Block Designation. This Block Designation is based on program requirements set forth by CISA OBP.
- **Timeline for Expedited Review.** Pursuant to a complete application, the Office of SAFETY Act Implementation (“OSAI”) expects to process complete applications related to this Block Designation Notice within 90 days of receipt. This will allow for a complete review of an Applicant’s insurance and financial information.
- **Application Requirements.**
  - OSAI will coordinate with CISA OBP to verify the names of applicants under this Block Designation.

- Applicants under this Block Designation Notice will be required to submit a Block Designation Application via the SAFETY Act Website ([www.safetyact.gov](http://www.safetyact.gov)).
- Pursuant to Section 443(a) of the SAFETY Act and Sections 25.5(a) and (g) of the Regulations, Selected Vendors as defined in Section 25.6(g) of the SAFETY Act Regulations shall obtain or maintain liability insurance for otherwise compensable third-party claims arising out of, relating to, or resulting from an Act of Terrorism when the Technology has been deployed in defense against, response to, or recovery from such an act. To establish such a limit, the Applicant will submit complete answers to Items BD.11 and BD.12 (Insurance and Financial information) in the Block Designation Application.
- Applicants wishing to apply for Certification should contact OSAI for additional requirements.
- Term of this Block Designation Notice. This Block Designation Notice will expire on July 31, 2026. The expiration of this Notice is independent from, and will have no effect on, the term of any preexisting Designation received by applicants under the Block.
- Other Conditions.
  - This Block Designation may be reviewed and modified at any time by the Department.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Coulter Mitchell  
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under  
Secretary for Science and Technology

## **Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Train-the-Trainer Program**

### **Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP)**

### **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency**

### **Department of Homeland Security**

#### **Exhibit A**

<Company Name> (the “Seller”) provides Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (“C-IED”) Train-the-Trainer (“TtT”) services to Federal, State, and local government and private sector instructors (the “Technology”). The Technology consists of authorized trainers certified by the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (“CISA”) Office for Bombing Prevention (“OBP”) to provide instruction using its American National Standards Institute (“ANSI”)/International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (“IACET”) accredited training and industry standard learning management system (“LMS”).

Authorized trainers provide OBP-approved C-IED training curriculum to local audiences with the intent to increase IED awareness and preparedness across the nation. In support of these training courses, the Seller also:

- Complies with OBP Quality Assurance instructor certification and adheres to audit requirements to ensure training meets content and quality standards.
- Manages and delivers approved courses using the OBP LMS in accordance with its Standard Operating Instructions (“SOI”) for indirect trainings and LMS Training and Administration System protocols.
- Develops annual training plans to maintain program support to meet the Seller’s training requirements, which includes a sufficient number of classes to maintain authorized instructor certifications by successfully administering two classes per year, per course.
- Identifies trainers/instructors qualified to deliver OBP courses based on the qualifications of each individual trainer and the minimum subject matter expertise requirements specified for each OBP course and/or training module.
- Executes course deliveries based on approved curricula and learning management processes in accordance with current Plans of Instruction, Instructor Guides, Standard Operating Instructions, and other applicable guidance.

- Coordinates with OBP to administratively manage course scheduling, application approval, course deliveries, and track course completion and certificates for all students; and,
- Meets all OBP requirements to be an authorized trainer per the Empowered Trainer Initiative (“ETI”) TtT Program.

OBP TtT courses includes one or more of the following National Training and Education (“NTED”) courses with recommended credits toward continuing education units (“CEUs”).

NTED Courses	Course Title
AWR-333	IED Construction and Classification
AWR-334	Introduction to the Terrorist Attack Cycle
AWR-335	Response to Suspicious Behaviors/Items
AWR-337	IED Explosive Effects and Mitigation
AWR-338	Homemade Explosives (“HME”) and Precursor Awareness
AWR-340	Protective Measures Awareness
AWR-348	Bombing Prevention Awareness
PER-312	Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (“VBIED”) Detection
PER-336	Protective Measures
PER-339	IED Search Procedures