

Students will select one of the 16 Homeland Security organizations to prepare a research paper. The total length of the paper must be at least 2,000 words (approximately 8 pages) in APA format. The total include a title page or cover sheet and reference page, which are not counted towards the minimum number of words. You must use 8 or more course-external sources and address the following in your paper.

1. **Mission and History.** Describe the mission and scope of the organization. Identify through a brief synopsis of the organizational history the rationale to frame the organization within the Department of Homeland Security
2. **Organization.** Discuss the organization using a chart or other graphical depiction. Illustrate how this subordinate organization is aligned within the Department of Homeland Security.
3. **Roles and Responsibility.** Discuss the various roles and responsibilities of the organization and how those roles and responsibilities support the overall Department of Homeland Security mission and objectives.
4. **Workforce Overview.** Distinguish facts germane to the organization to include total number of employees, training, critical or unique skills, and additional facts that provide a substantive overview of the workforce.
5. **Leadership.** Construct an overview of the existing leadership to include how their background and skills support their existing appointment or fail to support their existing appointment.
6. **Organizational Highlights.** Assess some organizational highlights that show how the organizational strategies and initiatives are effective or ineffective at carrying out their existing mission.
7. **Challenges.** Distinguish and describe organizational challenges, to include legal and operational, that mire their responsibilities and what the organization is performing to overcome those obstacles in the future.
8. **Intelligence and Armed Forces Application.** Assess how the organization interacts with the intelligence community and Armed Forces to supplement, strengthen, or perform their daily responsibilities.