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Opening & Welcome

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Good morning, webcast audience and in the room audience. Talking to you from a Los Alamos, New Mexico. For this event which is the DHS regional homelands security Science and Technology Summit for the eight South Central region that is a FEMA Region six, Arkansas, Louisiana, [Indiscernible] and Texas. We are here which is an amazing thing in itself. We are hit demonstrating our own personal resilience. I guess telecast gas from the U.S. Postal Service understand there are quite a few of you there is no NBC and now I sent Arkansas or both and Oklahoma would keep us from our appointment with you. We have had to make a few adjustments and we would be bringing in some D.C.-based presenters about for remotely today. The federal government was closed yesterday and is again today. Several people are joining us from home or wherever they are. We are going to exercise the art of the possible technically speaking and trying some options today that we haven't tested.

We hope you will bear with us and have a sense of humor this morning. Why are we here and exactly who is here in my P1 during. Why in early February? Our first question we began discussing this event almost a year ago was what is the best timeframe for FEMA Region six which is in fact the business of one of the busiest region for natural disasters in the country or so I hear. This was in the least likely disrupted timeframe which seems a little amusing today. We do not have a natural disaster, we certainly do have a severe weather. There are other reasons why we picked this month as well. We are here chiefly to know each other better. How many of us in this, security enterprise and no what we need to know of the people we think we need to know? Do we even know we don't know? Secretary Wheeler says he doesn't know. He doesn't know. The main point is increase networking, but more specifically to increase our regional Science Technology awareness and collaboration primarily here by spotlighting the capabilities offered by the International labs here in this region. You will also spotlights the capability of DHS, Science technology directorate and it just domestic nuclear detection office and reflecting the top and a security issues in this area we're focusing on natural disasters today and border security at Sandia tomorrow. Who is here? We invited by invitation only Homeland Security in emergency management officials and various categories from all the five states. And representatives of DHS are for the partners and DoD for example also local facilities from DoD such as joint task far north and centers of excellence in this region that will be featured in the upcoming poster session.

We also invited about ago it would cast audience which is huge. Welcome to all of you. Some 600 strong from various countries and states and Russia, Sweden, France, I don't know who else is on line. We know we have the city of Fort Worth, Tucson, Phoenix, Houston Police Department, somebody from New York City who teaches ENT. We know we have quite a few students from Military University recommended by their professors. And the the word got out to Emergency Management at work or to, welcome to you folks from DoD come to national guard, and least one retired admiral or two, one of them from grace I understand don't we have DHS partners other from the Coast Guard, etc. and other federal agencies such as the U.S. Postal Service. We welcome you all. Today at Los Alamos we're focusing on national disasters and we apologize to the program with welcoming remarks by several people and a keynoter and just a little bit from our Tim Manning, FEMA deputy.