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How to Attend SSI's Homeland Security Training Mission to Israel

Program Date: June 2009

STEP 1:

Contact **Ileana Bustillo** at the **SSI Sales Department** to obtain and complete the **SSI Homeland Security Training Mission to Israel Application** as well as to obtain any recent updated grant availability information. You should do this as soon as you can to ensure that you are up-to-date with SSI training requirements, eligibility and availability as SSI programs to Israel fill quickly and are limited in size.

STEP 2:

Contact your local Training Manager at the California Office of Homeland Security (OHS) Training Division. The OHS suggests you do this at least 150 days prior to training date. We suggest using the first attached SAMPLE LETTER which details the training program, location and expected training outcomes for participants. This step will enable your agency to receive approval from OHS – you must complete this step in order to move to STEP 3. The State of California's OHS Training Division can direct you to the best point of contact if you are unsure of who to speak with in your area.

California OHS Training Division:

CSM Alex Cabassa

Tel: (916) 324-9128

Fax: (916) 324-5929

Email: alex.cabassa@ohs.ca.gov

STEP 3:

Your agency needs to submit to OHS Training Division *on agency letterhead* an official request to participate in training overseas. We suggest using the second SAMPLE LETTER with ATTACHEMENTS. We have outlined for you the specific details regarding program contact information, agenda and cost breakdown that OHS requests. The OHS suggests you submit this letter at least 120 days prior to training dates in order for your request to be processed in time.

STEP 4:

After you have submitted the documents outlined in STEP 2, go to <http://www.ohs.ca.gov/forms/default.asp> and complete the **Training Request Form** to generate the federal tracking number your grant personnel will need to apply for reimbursement.

STEP 5:

Once all of the above steps are complete and the entire package is reviewed by OHS. They will endorse and forward it to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Training Division for approval.

Overseas travel approval may take 30-60 days Once approved, your agency will be notified.



SAMPLE LETTER (STEP 2)

March 1, 2009

(YOUR LOCAL TRAINING COORDINATOR)

(YOUR LOCAL AGENCY/REGION)

(ADDRESS)

(ADDRESS)

Dear Training Coordinator,

We are interested in taking part in the **“Homeland Security Training Mission to Israel”** training program provided by Security Solutions International, LLC, (SSI) to be held this **June 19th -27th, 2009** in Tel Aviv, Israel using **FY2009 Homeland Security Grant** funding. SSI is a Miami-Dade county Disadvantaged Business Entity that has trained representatives from over 700 Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies since 2004 on topics that range from suicide terrorism techniques to operational response to mass casualties to advanced intelligence gathering.

By attending this training course, we will be obtain an inside look at the way Israel’s ports, airports, shopping malls, government buildings, critical infrastructure, schools and stadiums are protected. We will be meeting some of the people that are responsible for keeping Israel safe. We will also be learning about Suicide Terror, about VBIEDs, about protecting VIP’s and other high profile targets. The aim of this program is to take away ideas on how to harden targets in our own areas by observing Israeli techniques and translating them to fit our own vulnerabilities, thus better protecting our country from these violent actions. Because the face of terrorism changes more easily than conventional forces, we must always be learning. This is the only way to stay ahead of the threat.

Israel is a very small, young country that has accomplished a tremendous amount in a very short time against a background of either full-scale War or protracted low-intensity conflicts throughout most of its existence. Over the last two years, they have managed to stop nearly 95% of the terrorist attacks against them. Through a total of 60 study hours, our agency will benefit from their knowledge, and will apply it in areas like Public Safety, School Safety, Port and Airport Security, Aviation Security, Critical Infrastructure and Government Building Security and Dignitary Protection.

Please consider this letter as our formal request for approval to use of Homeland Security Grant funds to support our attendance to this overseas training. Feel free to contact us for more information.

Sincerely,

(YOUR NAME)

(YOUR AGENCY/CONTACT INFORMATION)



SAMPLE LETTER (STEP 3)

(MUST BE ON AGENCY LETTER HEAD)

March 1, 2009

Alex Cabassa
California Directorate of Homeland Security
Attn: Training Divison
9800 Goethe Rd, Box 46
Sacramento, CA 95826

Dear **Mr. Cabassa**,

This request is for your approval to utilize Homeland Security Grant funds for me and the following individuals to attend **SSI's Homeland Security Training Mission to Israel**. The training is scheduled for **June 19-27, 2009** in Israel.

Attendee #1 (**YOUR NAME, YOUR AGENCY**)

Attendee #2

Attendee #3

Attendee #4

Recent terrorist attacks in Mumbai and other areas of the world have shown a continued high level of threat as well as that preventive measures implemented were not sufficient. Participation of the above representatives from the (**YOUR TOWN**) area in this program will strengthen my area's ability to realize the National Priorities set out in the FY2009 Homeland Security Grant Program. Homeland Security strategies in Israel are widely recognized in the international forum as some of the best in the world and familiarization with these strategies will assist our region in strengthening our own capabilities here at home. The wide range of topics covered during the 60-hour program will arm the above attendees with a number of lessons that can be translated and reapplied to the (**YOUR TOWN/AREA**) region.

Please find enclosed program contact information, detailed sample program agenda as well as a detailed cost breakdown. In anticipation of your concurrence, (**YOUR NAME**) of (**YOUR AGENCY**) will be able to provide additional information should you have any questions. (**YOUR NAME**) can be reached at (**YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**).

Sincerely,

(SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSON, IE: CITY MAYOR/POLICE CHIEF/FIRE CHIEF/SENIOR OFFICIAL)
(TITLE/POSITION)
(AGENCY)



ATTACHMENTS (FOR SAMPLE LETTER STEP 3)

SECTION I: Course Information

Course Name: Homeland Security Training Mission to Israel
Location/Dates: Israel/June 19-27, 2009
Training Provider: Security Solutions International
Address: 14300 SW 129th St Ste 204
Miami, FL 33186
Contact: Ileana Bustillo
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Fax: (786) 573-2090
Email: info@homelandsecurityssi.com
Website: www.homelandsecurityssi.com

SECTION II: Agenda

Below is a sample itinerary for the program. Please note that agenda is subject to change due to security considerations, availability and weather conditions.

Friday:

1545 Depart Newark Airport (non-stop to Tel Aviv)

Saturday:

0945 Approximated arrival in Israel
1200 Check into hotel
1230 Lunch at the Metropolitan
1630 Orientation Meeting; assemble in assigned meeting room at hotel
1635 Presentation "From Hamburgers to Falafel" – 7 tips to make the most of your week in Israel
1800 Dinner at Mike's Place (site of al Qaeda bombing April 30, 2003)

Sunday:

0800 Depart hotel for Haifa (Israel's principle port city – composed of 3 centers: lower port, half-way up Carmel Mountain is Hadar area, nestling the top of Mount Carmel is the Carmel neighborhood –spectacular views of Haifa Bay)
1000 Visit to Haifa's Refinery – a major target of Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War when SCUD missiles landed a few hundred feet from the giant refinery; target for destruction by terrorists because of the HAZMAT and BioChem threat such a facility poses; hear from the plant security team about efforts to secure the plant.



- 1200 Lunch near Haifa's high-tech park, Matam, at HaBokrim
- 1330-1630 Visit to Haifa's world renowned medical facility, **Rambam Health Care Campus** – unfortunately has years of experience with terror incidents and multi-casualty incidents; was the principal treatment center during Israel's war with Lebanon in 2006.
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- 1330 – 1400 Welcome Greetings and Introduction to the facility
Director, Trauma Unit
- 1400 – 1500 Mass Casualty Situation – Definition, Preparedness of hospital
Director, Trauma Unit
- 1500 – 1600 Functioning of the hospital and the Trauma Unit during the 2006 Lebanon War (Film)
Director (RN, MA), The Teaching Center for Trauma, Emergency & Mass Casualty Situations
- 1600 – 1630 Lecture on the hospital's facilities (with reference to different mass casualty incident scenarios)
Mass Casualty Coordinator (RN, MS)
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- 1900 Dinner at the Metropolitan

Monday:

- 0830 Departure from hotel for visit to the Port of Ashdod (fast becoming Israel's main port of entry of containers – learn about the terrorist incident there and about Port Security)
- 0930–1130 Port Security
- 1230 Lunch at White Hall
- 1600–1830 Aviation Security presentation
- 1900 Dinner at the Metropolitan

Tuesday:

- 0830–1200 Bombs, VBIED's and Suicide Terror presentation with Israel's leading bomb and security trainer
- 1230 Lunch at London Restaurant
- 1400 Visit to Tel Aviv's main train station to learn about Transportation Security
- 1600 Lecture on VIP protection and the Rabin assassination

Wednesday:

- 0830–1030 KRAV MAGA: Learn about Israel's Martial Art from one of its masters; find out how to disarm a knife attacker, a gunman and how to bring down a suicide bomber (*Please wear comfortable active clothing*)
- 1100 Continuation of Suicide Terror presentation
- 1300 Lunch at Azrielly Shopping Center



- 1400–1500 Mall Security presentation: Visit the Azrielly Mall (one of the most targeted and secured places in Israel)
- 1800–1845 Top Secure (one of Israel's veteran and experienced PSD firms presents on the challenges of VIP protection in Israel)
- 1900 Dinner at the Metropolitan
- 2000 Meeting with member of Israel's YAMAM (the elite counter terror unit); learn about one of their missions and ask questions of the leading international trainers in SWAT and Special Force tactics

Thursday:

- 0930-1100 Hebrew University: view security arrangements
- 1130-1230 Visit Kneset: House of Parliament, meet with Chief of Security
- 1300-1400 Lunch at the Ministry of Tourism
- 1400-1500 Mabat 2000: Outlook 2000 Police Command & Control Center
- 1500-1700 Visit to the Old City
- 1800-2000 Dinner at the Elvis Inn

Friday:

- 0730-2100 The Strategic Role of the Region of Golan (optional – additional fee)

Saturday:

- 0700 Check out of hotel, Depart for airport
- 1115 Departure for return to US

SECTION III: Cost Breakdown (per person)

Attending **SSI's Homeland Security Training Mission to Israel** will be (**# OF ATTENDEES**) representatives from (**YOUR AGENCY**). The following is the individual cost breakdown for participation in the program.

A. Registration/Tuition Fees	\$2,425
B. Airfare (Round trip from Newark, NJ)	\$1,100
C. Hotel/Lodging (7 nights)	\$500
D. Meals/Per Diem (7 days)	\$175
E. <u>The Strategic Role of Golan</u>	<u>\$ 85</u>
Total cost per person:	\$4,285