

PRIORITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES/NEXT GENERATION
NETWORKS

The Committee recognizes the success of DHS and its predecessor agencies in working with the telecommunications industry to develop an effective emergency access system for Federal, State and local officials to use in times of crisis, and provides \$58,740,000 for the Priority Telecommunications Service program, at the requested level. The Committee also recognizes that the dynamic nature of the telecommunications industry requires on-going investment to ensure that current capabilities are not lost when new technologies emerge. However, the Committee is disappointed that the managers of the National Security/Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications program have not provided any detailed explanation or discussion of key deliverables for investments made through the Next Generation Networks (NGN) program. In particular, the Committee is concerned that absent a defined set of goals, the NGN program has the potential to become an open-ended financial commitment of massive cost. Therefore, the Committee provides \$48,000,000 for the NGN program, \$8,000,000 below the requested level. As discussed above, the Committee requires NPPD to submit an expenditure plan providing more details about the purpose and goals of the NGN program.

NATIONAL COMMAND AND COORDINATION CAPABILITY

NPPD has proposed a \$61,000,000 budget for a National Command and Coordination Capability (NCCC), an increase of 1,592 percent over the 2008 enacted level. This extraordinary increase in resources has not been accompanied by a detailed explanation of how this project will be carried out, what specific investments the funds will be used to make, or even why such a large investment is necessary. As a result, the Committee provides \$14,100,000 for continued NCCC planning and initial implementation, and requires NPPD to submit an expenditure plan providing more details about the purpose and goals of this initiative.

CYBER SECURITY TRAINING

The Committee includes \$3,500,000 for the continued development and implementation of the Community Cyber Security Maturity Model at the University of Texas at San Antonio, a training program designed to prepare State and local officials for responding to cyber attacks.

CYBER SECURITY INFORMATION SHARING AND COLLABORATION
PROGRAM

The Committee does not fund the Cyber Security Information Sharing and Collaboration program, a \$2,250,000 earmark for a specific institution of higher education that was requested by the President.

CONTROL SYSTEMS SECURITY

The Committee is concerned that the control systems that ensure the efficient and reliable operation of much of the nation's power, water, information and other critical systems are potentially vulnerable to compromise. To address this concern, the Committee