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## DHS Acronyms, Abbreviations and Initialisms

There is a growing list of homeland security related acronyms, abbreviations and initialisms gleaned from DHS documents and reports. To keep it a manageable deciphering tool, the DHS Lexicon Acronym reference list does not include airport codes, foreign acronyms, chemical, electrical or pharmaceutical tables, military titles, names of corporations, universities, or those of regional, State or local entities. These lengthy listings can be found in tables of their own on the internet. DHS job titles are minimally listed due to inconsistent usage among DHS Components.

There will be some legacy acronyms that break the rules that are provided below, but have been retained for historic, universal or entrenched usage reasons. The rules are, however, an effort to develop increased consistency from this point forward. Before creating a new acronym, check the DHS Acronym List to see if it is already in use, and avoid acronyms that already have widely used spell outs outside of DHS. Also, a new acronym that too closely resembles a private sector trademark could raise some legal concerns and should be avoided.

All acronyms that are revised, outdated or superseded will be corrected or cross-referenced.

### Rules for Creating New DHS Acronyms, Abbreviations and Initialisms

The following rules are for guidance when DHS is creating new acronyms. DHS cannot tell other Federal agencies they can't use ones they've been using for a long time, but DHS can be an example in curtailing potential confusion in a time of crisis by asserting the following rules for creation and usage:

- **Avoid two-letter acronyms.** Some have as many as 300 spell outs, and the risk of confusion or misunderstanding, especially in a time of crisis, is too great.  
  
An example would be "IT." Although there are 80 possible spell outs for it in the private sector, it is limited to its use at DHS to "Information Technology," and requires the spell out all others such as "individual training."  
  
It is best not to even allow limited internal usage, because the habit cannot be turned off when you go from your office to a larger audience in the field. (By the way, there are 115 spell outs for EA, 300 for PC, 121 for TM, 144 for TA and 122 for SE.)
- **Avoid acronyms and abbreviations of more than six characters.** A lengthy acronym increases the chances of keying errors, and transpositions, and limits their use in database fields, especially when cascaded (MGMT/OCHCO, FEMA/USFA).
- **Always use all capital letters** (DOD, DOJ, DOS)
- **Avoid numerals.** They convert an acronym into a symbol, are frequently used for branding and trademarks, but are used inconsistently to be multipliers, versions or shortcuts for repeating a consonant, and raise questions as to their meaning. Too late now, but the 2005 DHS reorganization should have been SSR instead of 2SR (catchy but not consistent).

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- **Do not use hyphens or slashes within a single acronym.** Hyphens and slashes are separators or connectors used to cascade subsets and qualifiers (such as MGMT/CFO or the Airports Council International, North America, or ACI/NA). They also present database field and alphabetical problems. The only special character accepted is the ampersand (S&T, I&A), which IT has cleared as a recognizable character.
  - **Do not combine two acronyms to create a third acronym.** List them separately, and leave a space between them when used in text. If one is a subset of the other or a qualifier, in text they may be joined by a slash. That is what slashes are for. (Example: Not CIKRCRM—these are two separate acronyms, CIKR for critical infrastructure and key resources, and CRM for common risk model.)
  - **Do not set a “precedence without end” by beginning a string of infinite variables of the same acronym.** Instead, use the one core acronym and spell out the modifiers. If ERT is Emergency Response Team, do not create a SERT (Seattle), RERT (Regional) or AERT (Animal). Likewise, the enhanced critical infrastructure protection assessment is not ECIPA, but “enhanced CIP assessment.” The Federal Air Marshal Service Training Center should be FAMS Training Center, not FAMSTC. The National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual should not be NISPOM, but NISP Operating Manual, as NISP is the core acronym.
  - **The “O” Rule:** When creating an acronym for a new office or program, avoid CF (Center for), CO (Council on), FO (Friends of), and O, and stick to the Key words for your core acronym. In the beginning everyone wanted an “O” in front of their office acronym, so they would have been OCRCL, OCNE, OMGMT, etc. A few were unavoidable to distinguish between the IG and OIG, or because PA would not have worked alone due to too many related spell outs (public announcement, public assistance).
  - **Do not create an acronym that contains such a large portion of the words and is so close to the whole spell out that you might as well spell it out** (Caribbean Community can be spelled out as easily as CARICOM; Operating Summary can be spelled out as easily as OPSUM, especially because it could also be Operations Summary).
  - **Do not create or adopt an acronym that is;**
    - **unnecessary** (U.S. Dollar does not need to be USD; a phrase “as low as reasonably achievable” should remain a phrase and not become ALARA),
    - **too weak** (fee for service does not need an FFS acronym; level of effort does not need to be LOE),
    - **potentially ambiguous** (if there is concern about the ATA, is it the Airline Transportation Association, the American Trucking Association or the actual time of arrival; and, is the IBR the initial baseline review or the integrated baseline review? Is the IATO the interim approval to operate or the interim authority to operate?),
    - **or the spell out too thinly used** (applies to one small group or office only or is little known, such as APHF for American Police Hall of Fame).
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- **If the acronym already has many other widely-used spell outs, avoid it** (TSP is widely used in the Federal Government for Thrift Savings Plan, so a new one for Telecommunications Support Program should be TCSP, not TSP; COE is more widely known as center of excellence, so using it also for common operational environment could cause confusion; and BDR, besides Budget Data Request, has 24 other common uses; CFR has 44 other uses; COP has 108 other uses).
  - **Do not create an acronym for a short term projects, temporary working committees or a one-time conference.**
  - **Avoid acronyms that display insider jargon or local language, in deference to an unknown ultimate audience.**
  - **Do not list a singular and plural for the same acronym.** The plural of an acronym is the acronym ending with a lower case "s."
  - **Avoid acronyms for titles** (respectfully spell out titles). Too many of them are two-letter, which leads to the problem in rule 1, and will be inconsistent across the Department. Others contain local jargon used only within that Component.
  - **No acronym letter should stand for another acronym** (TSA Approved Instructors should be spelled out, not "TAI").
  - **Avoid acronyms that use unnecessary words to create a trademark or catchy word** (such as Business Analysis Leadership Decision — BALD, or First Responder Information Exchange Document — FRIED). They must be able to pass the "Oh, Puhleeeeeeze!" test.

Acronym (or Abbreviation)	What It Stands For	Category	Affiliated With
2SR	Second Stage Review	DHS Program	All
A&M	Customs and Border Protection Air & Marine (CBP/A&M)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
AAACE	Airport Access Authorization to Commercial Establishments	DHS Program	S&T
AAAE	American Association of Airport Executives	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
AAEI	American Association of Exporters and Importers	Private Sector Ass'n	CBP
AAFAS	Automated Airborne Flight Alert System	Equipment	S&T
AAFB	Andrews Air Force Base	Facility	DOD
AAMVA	American Association of Motor Vehicle Administration	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
AAPA	American Association of Port Authorities	Private Sector Ass'n	CBP,TSA, USCG, TSA
AAPD	American Association of People with Disabilities	Private Sector Ass'n	CRCL
AAR	After action report	Term/phrase	FEMA
AAR	After action review	Term/phrase	Common
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA, FEMA
AAU	Association of American Universities	Private Sector	S&T, USCIS
AAVLD	American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
ABA	American Bar Association	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA, OGC
ABC	[Outstanding] American By Choice Award	DHS Program	USCIS
ABC	Arizona Border Control Plan	DHS Program	CBP
ABCI	Arizona Border Control Initiative	DHS Program	CBP
ABD	Air Bridge Denial	Term/phrase	CNE
ABEL	Agent Based Economic Laboratory	Equipment	NPPD/RMA
ABI	Automated Broker Interface	Equipment	CBP
ABIS	see IDENT		I&A

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Acronym (or Abbreviation)	What It Stands For	Category	Affiliated With
ABMC	American Battle Monuments Commission	Federal Gov't	DOD
ABNCP	Airborne Command Post	Term/phrase	NPPD
ABS	Arson and Bomb Squad	Term/phrase	I&A, NPPD/IGP
ACAA	Air Carrier Association for Americans	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
ACADA	Automatic Chemical Agent Detection and Alarm	Equipment	NPPD, S&T
ACAP	Agency-wide Corrective Action Program	DHS Program	FEMA
ACAP	Alien Criminal Apprehension Program	DHS Program	ICE
ACBIRC	Advanced Chemical/Biological Integrated Response Course	DHS Program	NPPD, S&T
ACC	Air Combat Command (--delete) or Agency Command Center	Facility	FEMA
ACC	American Chemistry Council	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
ACC	Aviation Command Center	Term/phrase	TSA
ACDA	U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency	Federal Gov't	DNDO
ACDO	Advanced Concept Demonstration Office	DHS Program	TSA
ACE	Accumulated Cyclone Energy	Term/phrase	OPS
ACE	American Council on Education	Private Sector Ass'n	USCIS, NPPD, S&T
ACE	Automated Commercial Environment (secure data portal)	Equipment	CBP
ACE	Army Corps of Engineers	Federal Gov't	NPPD, FEMA, TSA
ACF	Administration for Children and Families	Federal Gov't	FEMA, OPS
ACF	Alternate Care Facility	Facility	FEMA
ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	Private Sector	FEMA, NPPD
ACI	Advanced Contracting Initiative or Approved Course of Instruction	DHS Program	FEMA, OPS

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ACI	Airports Council International	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA, PLCY/PSO
ACI	Approved Course of Instruction	Term/phrase	FEMA
ACI/NA	Airports Council International-North America	Private Sector Ass'n	PLCY/PSO
ACIS	Aviation Credential Interoperability Solution	DHS Program	TSA, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
ACP	Access Control Points or Area Contingency Plan	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD
ACS	Automated Commercial System	DHS Program	CBP
ACSD	Advanced Container Security Device (see CSD)		
ACSM	American Congress of Surveying and Mapping	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA, NPPD
ACT	American Council for Technology	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
ACTE	Association of Corporate Travel Executives	Private Sector Ass'n	
ACVP	Airline Certificate Vetting Program	DHS Program	TSA, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
ACWG	Air Cargo Working Group	DHS Program	TSA
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act (1992)	Legislation	CRCL
ADASP	Aviation Direct Access Screening Program	DHS Program	TSA, S&T
ADD	Automated Deployment Database	Equipment	OPS
ADIS	Arrival and Departure Information System	DHS Program	PLCY/SCO, I&A, PRIV, NPPD/US-VISIT, ICE, USCIS, CBP
ADIZ	Air Defense Identification Zone	Term/phrase	TSA
ADRA	Air Domain Risk Assessment	DHS Program	TSA, NPPD/RMA
ADRS	Automated Disaster Reporting System	DHS Program	FEMA

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ADVISE	Analysis, Dissemination, Visualization, Insight and Semantic Enhancement	DHS Program suspended 9/07	PRIV
AEA	American Electronics Association	Private Sector Ass'n	PRIV
AEI	American Enterprise Institute	Private Sector	OPA
AEP	Airport Emergency Plan	DHS Program	TSA
AES	Aeromedical Evacuation System	DHS Program	FEMA
AES	Automated Export System	DHS Program	CBP
AEW	Airborne Early Warning	Equipment	CBP, ICE
AFA	Association of Flight Attendants	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
AFB	Air Force Base	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD, USCG
AFCEA	Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association	Private Sector Ass'n	MGMT/OCIO, USCG
AFEWES	Air Force Electronic Warfare Evaluation Simulator	DOD Program	S&T
AFFIRM	Association for Federal Information Resources Management	DHS Program	MGMT/OCIO
AFG	Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program	DHS Program	FEMA/G&T, FLETC
AFGE	American Federation of Government Employees	Private Sector Ass'n	MGMT, FEMA
AFIP	Armed Forces Institute of Pathology	DOD Program	OHA
AFL-CIO	American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrialized Organizations	Private Sector Ass'n	NPPD
AFM	Adjudicator's Field Manual	Document	USCIS
AFMLS	Asset Forfeiture & Money Laundering Section	DHS Program	FLETC
AFRAS	Association for Rescue at Sea	DHS Program	USCG
AFSA	American financial Services Association	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T

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AFSP	Alien Flight Student Program	DHS Program	TSA, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
AG	Attorney General, (split)Adjutant General or Agriculture	Title	FEMA, OGC
AGAUS	Adjutants General Association of the U.S.	Federal Gov't	OHA
AGC	Associate General Counsel	Title	OGC
AGS	Aviation Group Supervisor	Title	ICE
AIAA	American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
AIATP	Antiterrorism Intelligence Awareness Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
AIBS	American Institute of Biological Sciences	Private Sector	S&T
AILA	American Immigration Lawyers Association	Private Sector Ass'n	USCIS
AIS	Automated Information System	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD, I&A
AIS	Automatic Identification System	Term/phrase	TSA
AKA	Also Known As	Term/phrase	Common
ALB	Administration and Logistics Branch (US-VISIT)	DHS Program	NPPD/US-VISIT
ALPA	Airline Pilots Association	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
ALS	Advanced Life Support	Equipment	FEMA, OPS
AMB	Air & Marine Branch (ICE/AMB)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
AMF	Alternative Morgue Facility	Term/phrase	FEMA
AMGS	Air & Marine Group Supervisor	Title	ICE
AMHS	Automated Message Handling System	Equipment	I&A, NPPD/IGP
AMID	Air and Marine Interdiction Division	DHS Program	USCG
AMIO	Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations	DHS Program	CBP, USCG
AMO	Air and Marine Operations (ICE)	DHS Program	ICE
AMOC	Air and Marine Operations	Facility	ICE, OPS, I&A

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	Center		
AMS	Aerial Measuring System or American Meteorological Society	Term/phrase	FEMA
AMS	Automated Manifest System	DHS Program	CBP
AMS	Atmospheric Monitoring System	Term/phrase	NPPD
AMSP	Area Maritime Security Plan	DHS Program	USCG, I&A
AMTI	Applied Marine Technology, Inc.	Private Sector	USCG
ANACI	Access National Agency Check and Inquiry	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCSO
ANFAZD	Academic Network for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
ANG	Air National Guard	Federal Gov't	FEMA, USCG
ANL	Argonne National Laboratories	DOE Program	S&T
ANPRM	Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [see NPRM and SNPRM]	Document	OGC
ANS	Alert and Notification System	DHS Program	FEMA
ANS	Aquatic Nuisance Species	Term/phrase	USCG, S&T
ANSER	Analytic Services Inc.	Private Sector	S&T
ANSI	American National Standards Institute	Private Sector	PLCY/PSO, MGMT
ANZUS	Australia, New Zealand and United States	Term/phrase	PLCY/OIA
AOA	Aviation Operations Area	Facility	TSA, USCG, OPS
AOAC	Association for Official Analytical Communities	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
AOPA	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T, DNDO
AOSSP	Aircraft Operator Standard Security Program	DHS Program	TSA
AP	Aerial Port, (split) Alternative Power, or Assembly Point	Facility	FEMA
AP	Associated Press	Private Sector	FEMA, OPA
APA	Administrative Procedure Act	Legislation	OGC
APCO	Association of Public Safety Communications [Worldwide]	International	TSA
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation	Private Sector	USCG

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APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	USDA Program	CBP, NPPD, OPS, I&A
APIS	Advance Passenger Information System	DHS Program	TSA, OPS, S&T, CBP, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
APMB	Acquisition and Program Management Branch (US-VISIT)	DHS Program	NPPD/US-VISIT
APRSAC	Academe and Policy Research Advisory Committee	DHS Committee	PLCY/HSAC
APSO	Asylum Pre-Screening Officer	Title	USCIS
APSP	Automated Passenger Screening Profile	DHS Program	TSA
APTA	American Public Transportation Associations	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
APTS	Airport, Port, and Terminal Security	Term/phrase	PLCY/PSO
APTS	Association of Public Television Stations	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA, OPA
ARAC	Atmospheric Release Advisory Capability	DHS Program	NPPD, S&T
ARC	American Red Cross	Federal Gov't	ALL
ARD	Advanced Radiation Detection	Term/phrase	DNDO
ARFCAM	Autonomous Rapid Facility Chemical Agent Monitor	Equipment	S&T
ARNG	Army National Guard	Federal Gov't	FEMA, USCG
ARP	Alarm Resolution Protocols	DHS Program	TSA
ARS	Agricultural Research Service	USDA Program	
ARSR	Air Route Surveillance Radar	Equipment	TSA
ASA	Average speed of answer	Term/phrase	USCIS
ASAC	Aviation Security Advisory Committee	DHS Committee	TSA
ASAP	As soon as possible	Term/phrase	Common
ASC	Application Support Center	Facility	USCIS, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
ASD	Administrative Security Division	DHS Program	MGMT/CSO

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ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	Foreign	PLCY/OIA
ASFPM	Association of State Floodplain Managers	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA
ASIS	American Society for Industrial Security	Private Sector	PLCY/PSO
ASME	American Society for Microbiology	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
ASP	Advanced Spectroscopic Portal	Equipment	DNDO, CBP
ASP	Aviation Security Program	DHS Program	TSA
ASPECT	Airborne Spectral Environmental Collection Technology	Equipment	S&T
AST	Accessible Systems and Technologies	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO
ASTA	American Society of Travel Agents	Private Sector Ass'n	CBP
ASTI	Airport Security Technology Integration	DHS Program	TSA
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
ASUFAC	Airport and Seaport User Fee Advisory Committee, INS	DHS Committee	CBP
ATA	Actual Time of Arrival	Term/phrase	FEMA
ATA	Airline Transportation Association	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
ATA	American Trucking Association	Private Sector Ass'n	PLCY/PSO
ATB	Applied Technology Board	Private Sector	TSA
ATC	Air Traffic Control	Term/phrase	TSA, NPPD, FEMA
ATCET	Anti-Terrorism Combat Enforcement Team	DHS Program	CBP
ATD	Advanced Technology Demonstration	Term/phrase	DNDO
ATDI	Advance Trade Data Initiative	DHS Program	CBP
ATF	Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives [Bureau of]	DOJ Program	ALL

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ATIS	Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions	Private Sector Ass'n	NPPD/IP
ATN	Aeronautical Telecommunications Networks	Equipment	S&T
ATP	Air Transit Program	DHS Program	TSA
ATS	Automated Targeting System	DHS Program	CBP, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
ATSA	Aviation and Transportation Security Act	Legislation	TSA, NPPD, I&A
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (USPHS)	Federal Gov't	NPPD, S&T
ATTF	Antiterrorism Task Force	DHS Program	I&A
ATV	All-terrain vehicle	Term/phrase	CBP, FEMA
AUVSI	Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International	Private Sector Ass'n	CBP
AVOps	Aviation Operations	DHS Program	TSA, OPS
AVSEC	Aviation Security	Term/phrase	TSA
AWACS	Airborne Warning and Control System	Equipment	CBP
AWO	American Waterway Operators	Private Sector Ass'n	USCG
BAA	Broad Agency Announcement	Term/phrase	FEMA, S&T
BACM	Business Alliance for Customs Modernization	Private Sector Ass'n	CBP
BAND	Bio-agent Autonomous Networked Detectors	Equipment	S&T
BASIS	Biological Aerosol Sentry and Information System	Equipment	S&T
BCC	Border Crossing Card	DHS Program	CBP, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
BCMR	Board of Correction of Military Records	Federal Gov't	OGC, USCG
BCR	Border Cargo Release	DHS Program	CBP
BDC	Bomb Data Center (FBI)	Facility	NPPD
BDS	Biohazard Detection System	program	NPPD

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BENS	Business Executives for National Security	Private Sector Ass'n	PLCY/PSO
BERT	Building Emergency Response Team	DHS Program	NPPD
BEST	Bus Explosive Screening Technology	Equipment	TSA
BFM	Budget and Financial Management Branch (US-VISIT)	DHS Program	NPPD/US-VISIT
BHEF	Business-Higher Education Forum	Private Sector	S&T
BIA	Board of Immigration Appeals/Affairs (DOJ)	Federal Gov't	USCIS, ICE
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs	Federal Gov't	NPPD/IGP, CRCL
BICEP	Basic Investigation of Computer and Electronic Crimes Program	DHS Program	FLETC
BISC	Border Interdiction Support Center	Facility	CBP
BIT	Business Intelligence Tool	Equipment (software)	MGMT/CAS
BITE	Biometric Identification Technology Ethics	Term/phrase	PRIV
BIWG	Bilateral Interdiction Working Group	DHS Program	CNE
BKC	Biodefense Knowledge Center [Part of NBACC]	DHS Program	S&T
BLESTP	Basic Law Enforcement Supervisor Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
BLS	Basic Life Support	Term/phrase	FEMA
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics	DOL Program	MGMT
BMBL	Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories	Term/phrase	S&T
BMD	Borders and Maritime Security Division (S&T/BMD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
BNICE	Biological, Nuclear, Incendiary, Chemical, Explosive	Term/phrase	NPPD, S&T
BOD	Business Operations Services and Human Capital Division (S&T/BOD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL

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Acronym (or Abbreviation)	What It Stands For	Category	Affiliated With
BOLO	Be On the Lookout alert	DHS Program	I&A
BORCAP	Border Patrol Criminal Alien Program	DHS Program	CBP, USCG, OPS
BorderNet	(formerly BTSNet)	DHS Program	S&T, CBP
BORSTAR	Border Patrol Search, Trauma and Rescue Team	DHS Program	CBP, USCG
BORTAC	Border Patrol Tactical Unit	DHS Program	CBP
BOXER	Bulk-Only X-ray Enhanced Region	Equipment	TSA
BPA	Border Patrol Agent	Title	CBP, OPS
BPP	Business Policy and Planning Branch (US-VISIT)	DHS Program	NPPD/US-VISIT
BPWG	Best Practices Working Group	DHS Program	
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure Act	Legislation	MGMT
BRASS	Border Release Advance Screening & Selectivity	DHS Program	CBP
BRIDGES	Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Security	DHS Program	ICE
BRM	Business Reference Model	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
BRT	Business Round Table	Private Sector Ass'n	PLCY/PSO
BSA	Base Support Area	Facility	FEMA
BSA	Business Software Alliance	Private Sector Ass'n	PO
BSC	Biometrics Support Center	Facility	US-VISIT
BSCO	Biosafety Coordinating Official	Title	S&T
BSD	Border Security Deployment	DHS Program	CBP
BSI	Basic Support Installation	Facility	FEMA
BSI	Border Safety Initiative	DHS Program	CBP
BSO	Biosafety Officer	Title	S&T
BST	Border Support Team	DHS Program	CBP
BTA	Bioterrorism Act	Legislation	CBP
BTA	Border Trade Alliance	Private Sector Ass'n	CBP
BTCP	Biological Terrorism Contingency Plan	DHS Program	NPPD, S&T
BTCP	Biological Threat Characterization Program	DHS Program	S&T

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BTS	Border and Transportation Security (former DHS Directorate, contained CBP, ICE, TSA and FLETC)		CBP, ICE, TSA, FLETC
BTS	Budget Tracking System	DHS Program	NPPD
BTS	Bureau of Transportation Statistics	Federal Gov't	TSA
BTW	By the way	Term/phrase	Common
BW	Biological Warfare	Term/phrase	NPPD, S&T
BW	Biological Weapons	Term/phrase	S&T
BWIC	Biological Warning and Incident Characterization	DHS Program	S&T
BZPP	Buffer Zone Protection Program	DHS Program	NPPD/RMA, FEMA
C/E	Communications/Electronics	Term/phrase	
C2	Command and Control	Term/phrase	FEMA
C3	Command, Control, and Communications	Term/phrase	FEMA, USCG
C4	Command, Control, Communications and Computers	Term/phrase	FEMA, OPS
C4ISR	C4+Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance	Term/phrase	USCG, CNE
CA	Chemical Agent	Term/phrase	S&T
CAARS	Cargo Advanced Automated Radiography System	Equipment	DNDO
CAC	Common Access Card	DOD Program	PLCY/SCO, PRIV
CAC	Crisis Action Center	Term/phrase	FEMA
CAF	Critical Asset Factor	Term/phrase	NPPD/RMA, FEMA
CAM	Chemical Agent Monitor	Equipment	FEMA, S&T
CAMEXPAN	Central America, Mexico, Panama	Term/phrase	CBP, PLCY/OIA
CAMPS	Civil Aircraft Missile Protection System	Equipment	S&T, NPPD/IP
CAMRA	Center for Advancing Microbiological Risk Assessment	DHS Program	S&T
CAO	Chief Administrative Officer	Title	
CAP	Civil Air Patrol	Private Sector	CBP, FEMA

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CAP	Community Assistance Program	DHS Program	FEMA
CAP	Corrective Action Program	DHS Program	FEMA
CAP	Crisis Action Process	Term/phrase	OPS
CAPA	Coalition of Airline Pilots Association	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
CAPCO	Controlled Access Program Coordination Office	DHS Program	I&A
CAPPS II	Computer Assisted Passenger Pre-screening System	DHS Program	TSA, PRIV, PLCY/SCO
CAPRA	Critical Asset and Portfolio Risk Analysis	Term/phrase	NPPD/RMA
CARAT	Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training	DHS Program	USCG
CARRI	Community and Regional Resilience Initiative	DHS Program	S&T
CARVER	Criticality, Accessibility, Recuperability, Vulnerability, Effect and Recognizability	Term/phrase	NPPD/RMA
CASE	Computer Aided Software Engineering	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
CASPER	C-130 Airborne Sensor with Palletized Electronic Reconnaissance	Equipment	USCG
CASS	Cockpit Access Security System	Equipment	TSA
CAST	Commercial Aviation Safety Team	DHS Program	TSA
CAT	Catastrophic	Term/phrase	FEMA
CAT	Category	Term/phrase	FEMA
CAT	Crisis Action Team	DHS Program	FEMA, OPS
CB	Chemical/Biological, (split)	Term/phrase	FEMA, S&T
CB	Citizens' Band	Term/phrase	FEMA, S&T
CB	Cluster Bomb	Term/phrase	FEMA, S&T
CBA	Cost Benefit Analysis	Term/phrase	MGMT, I&A
CBCF	Cross Border Crime Forum	DHS Program	CBP
CBD	Chemical and Biological Division (S&T/CBD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
CBIRF	Chemical/Biological Incident Response Force (USMC)	Federal Gov't	FEMA

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CBN	Chemical, Biological, or Nuclear	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD, S&T
CBO	Community-Based Organization	Private Sector	USCIS, NPPD, OPS
CBO	Congressional Budget Office	Federal Gov't	USCIS, NPPD
CBP	Customs and Border Protection, United States	DHS Component	ALL
CBPMO	U.S. Customs and Border Protection Modernization Office	DHS Program	CBP
CBR	Chemical, Biological and/or Radiological	Term/phrase	NPPD, S&T
CBR&D	Chemical and Biological Research and Development Sector	Private Sector	TSA
CBRDT	Chemical/Biological Rapid Deployment Team	DHS Program	FEMA, S&T
CBRN	Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear	Term/phrase	FEMA, S&T
CBRNE	Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive	Term/phrase	S&T, OPS
CBRRT	Chemical & Biological Rapid Response Team	DHS Program	FEMA
CBRT	Chemical and Biological Response Team	DHS Program	FEMA
CBRTA	Chemical, Biological and Radiological Technology Alliance	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T, DNDO
CCAP	Child Citizenship Act Project	DHS Program	USCIS
CCD	Corporate Communications Division (S&T&CCD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
CCD	Consular Consolidated Database	DOS Program	CISOMB, USCIS, PRIV, PLCY/SCO, I&A
CCDB	Consolidated Counterdrug Data Base	DHS Program	CNE
CCITP	Counterterrorism Cyber-crime Investigations Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
CCP	Casualty Collection Point or Crisis Counseling Program	DHS Program	FEMA

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CCP	Citizen Corps Program	DHS Program	NPPD/IGP, FEMA
CCSL	Command and Control Simulation Lab	DHS Program	FEMA
CCT	Communications Coordination Team	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCHCO
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television	Equipment	FEMA
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	HHS Program	ALL
CDP	Candidate Development Program	DHS Program	USCG
CDR	Commander	Title	
CDR	Critical Design Review	Term/phrase	FEMA
CDR	Crude Death Rate	Term/phrase	FEMA
CDRG	Catastrophic Disaster Response Group	DHS Program	FEMA, OPS
CD-ROM	Compact Disk Read Only Memory	Equipment	ALL
CE	Civil Engineer	Title	FEMA
CEA	Council of Economic Advisors	Federal Gov't	
CEA	County Executives of America	State or Local Gov't	NPPD, FEMA
CEDAP	Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program	DHS Program	FEMA/G&T
CEE	Consolidated Enforcement Environment	Term/phrase	MGMT
CEG	Council for Excellence in Government	Federal Gov't	S&T
CEOC	County Emergency Operations Center	State or Local Gov't	FEMA
CEPAP	Cost Estimating for the Public Assistance Program, Expert Panel on	DHS Committee	FEMA
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality	Federal Gov't	FEMA
CERDEC	Communications-Electronics Research Development and Engineering Center	DOD Program	DNDO
CERT	Community Emergency Response Team	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD/IGP, OPS

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CERT	Computer Emergency Readiness Team	DHS Program	NPPD, S&T
CERT	Computer Evidence Recovery Training	DHS Program	USSS
CET	Contraband Enforcement Team	DHS Program	CBP, OPS
CEU	Compliance Enforcement Unit	DHS Program	CBP
CFATS	Chemical Facility Antiterrorism Standards	DHS Program	NPPD
CFBCI	Center for Faith Based and Community Initiatives (FEMA/CFBCI)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
CFC	Combined Federal Campaign	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCHCO
CFDA	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance	Document	MGMT/CPO
CFI	Credentialing Framework Initiative	DHS Program	PLCY/SCO
CFIUS	Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States	TREAS Program	I&A, OGC, PLCY, NPPD/RMA
CFIVSAC	Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Advisory Committee	DHS Committee	USCG
CFO	Chief Financial Officer	Title	ALL
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	Federal Gov't	FEMA, OGC
CFS	Certified Fraud Specialists, Association of	Private Sector Ass'n	USSS
CFS	Cubic Feet Per Second	Term/phrase	FEMA
CFTC	Commodity Futures Trading Commission	Private Sector	PLCY/PSO
CGS	Council of Graduate Schools	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T, USCIS
CHCO	Chief Human Capital Officer (MGMT/CHCO)	Title	ALL
CHERCAP	Comprehensive HAZMAT Emergency Response Capability Assessment Program	DHS Program	FEMA
CHPPM	Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (U.S. Army)	DOD Program	S&T
CHRCL	Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law	Private Sector	CRCL

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CIA	Central Intelligence Agency	Federal Gov't	ALL
CIAETP	Criminal Investigation in Automated Equipment Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
CIAO	Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD, I&A
CID	Command, Control and Interoperability Division (S&T/CID)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
CID	Criminal Investigation Division or Department, (split) Community Identification	DHS Program	FEMA, USSS
CII	Critical Infrastructure Information	Term/phrase	NPPD
CIIA	Critical Infrastructure Information Act of 2002	Legislation	NPPD
CIII	Critical Infrastructure Interdependencies Integrator	Equipment	NPPD/RMA
CIIMS	Critical Infrastructure Inspection Management System	DHS Program	S&T
CIIP	Critical Infrastructure Information Protection Interagency Working Group	DHS Program	NPPD
CIKR	Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources	Term/phrase	NPPD, I&A
CIMRT	Critical Incident Management Response Team	DHS Program	FEMA
CIMS	Critical Incident Management Support	DHS Program	FEMA
CIMS	Critical Infrastructure Modeling System	Private Sector Program	NPPD/RMA-
CIMST	Critical Incident Management Support Team	DHS Program	FEMA
CINC	Commander in Chief	Title	FEMA
CIND	Compact Integrated Narcotics Detector	Equipment	USCG
CINT	Chief Intelligence Officer	Title	I&A
CIO	Chief Information Officer	Title	ALL
CIP	Critical Infrastructure Protection	Term/phrase	NPPD, S&T, I&A

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CIPAC	Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council	DHS Program	I&A, S&T
CIPP	Certified Information Privacy Professionals	Private Sector	PRIV, NPPD/US-VISIT
CIRG	Critical Incident Response Group	FBI Program	FEMA
CIRP	Catastrophic Incident Response Plan	DHS Program	FEMA, PLCY/PSO
CIS	Central Index System	DHS Program	CBP, USCIS,
CIS	Civil Infrastructure Security	Term/phrase	S&T, NPPD
CIS	Community Information System	DHS Program	FEMA
CIS	see USCIS for Citizenship and Immigration Services		
CISO	Chief Information Security Officer	Title	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
CISOMB	Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman	DHS Component	ALL
CITMO	Commercial Information Technology for Multinational Operations	DHS Program	S&T
CITP	Criminal Investigator Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
CJIS	Criminal Justice Information Services	DOJ Program	CBP, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
CLAIMS	Computer Linked Application Information Management System	Equipment	USCIS, I&A, PRIV, PLCY/SCO
CLASP	Consular Lost and Stolen Passport System	DOS Program	PRIV, I&A, PLCY/SCO
CLASS	Consular Lookout and Support System	DOS Program	PRIV, I&A, PLCY/SCO
CLIA	Civil Liberties Impact Assessment	DHS Program	CRCL
CMAA	Customs Mutual Assistance Agreement	Term/phrase	CBP
CMC	Center for Marine Conservation	Federal Gov't	FEMA
CMC	Crisis Management Center	Term/phrase	FEMA
CMC	Customs Management Centers	DHS Program	CBP

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CME	Chief Medical Examiner	Title	FEMA
CMIR	Currency and Monetary Instruments Report	Document	I&A
CMM	Capability Maturity Model	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
CMO	Chief Medical Officer	Title	OHA
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCHCO
CMT	Crisis Management Team	Term/phrase	TSA, FEMA
CMTB	Countermeasures Test Bed	DHS Program	S&T
CNCS	Corporation for National and Community Service	Federal Gov't	ALL
CNE	Counternarcotics Enforcement, Office of (formerly CNO)	DHS Component	ALL
CNO	Chief of Naval Operations	Title	USCG
CNO	Counternarcotics Officer	Title	CNE
CNO (see CNE)			
CNS	Central Nervous System	Term/phrase	FEMA
CNS	Corporation for National Security	Federal Gov't	
CNSC	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission	Foreign	
CNSIP	Classified National Security Information Program	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCISO
CNT	Counternarcoterrorism	DHS Program	CNE
CNU	Crisis Negotiations Unit (FBI)	Term/phrase	FEMA
COAC	Customs Operations Advisory Committee	DHS Program	CBP
COB	Close of business	Term/phrase	ALL
COBRE	Carry-On Bag Remote Examination	DHS Program	TSA
COC	Combat Operations Center	Facility	FEMA
COC	Country of Citizenship	Term/phrase	CBP, ICE
CODEL	Congressional Delegation	Term/phrase	TSA
CODIS	Combined DNA Index System	Equipment	I&A, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
COE	Center of Excellence	Term/phrase	S&T, MGMT/CIO
COG	Continuity of Government	DHS Program	FEMA
COI	Community of Interest	Term/phrase	ALL

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COI	Critical Operational Issue	Term/phrase	FEMA
COLISEUM	Community On-Line Intelligence System for End Users and Managers	DHS Program	NPPD
COMSEC	Communications Security	Term/phrase	MGMT/OSCSO, I&A
COMSVC	Component Services (OHA/COMSVC)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
CONOPS	Concept of Operations	Term/phrase	ALL
CONUS	Continental United States	Term/phrase	FEMA
COOP	Continuity of Operations	DHS Program	FEMA/NCRC, NPPD
COP	Chief of Police	Title	FEMA, NPPD/IGPP
CORE	Cadre of Response Employees	DHS Program	FEMA, MGMT
COS	Cash on Shipment	Term/phrase	FEMA
COS	Chief of Staff	Title	ALL
COSO	Chief of Staff Office/Operations (former DHS Subcomponent)		
COSP (see PLCY)	Chief of Staff Office/Policy (former DHS Subcomponent)		
COTP	Captain of the Port	Title	CBP, USCG, PR
COTR	Contracting Officer's Technical Representative	Title	MGMT/OCPO
COTS	Commercial Off-the-shelf	Term/phrase	ALL
COUSCS	Commercial Operations of the US Customs Svc, Advisory Committee on	DHS Committee	CBP
CP	Command Post or Control Point	Term/phrase	FEMA
CPA	Coalition Provisional Authority	Federal Gov't	PLCY/OIA
CPC	Country of Particular Concern	DOS Program	PLCY/OIA
CPIC	Capital Planning and Investment Control	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
CPO	Central Processing Office	Facility	FEMA
CPO	Chief Procurement Officer	Title	MGMT
CPOT	Consolidated Priority Organization Target	Term/phrase	CNE
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	Term/phrase	FEMA

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CPRM	Checkpoint Resource Management	Term/phrase	TSA
CPSC	Consumer Product Safety Commission	Federal Gov't	ICE, FEMA
CPSP	Comprehensive Passenger Screening Profile	DHS Program	TSA
CPX	Command Post Exercise	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
CQA	Commandant's Quality Award	DHS Program	USCG
CRADA	Cooperative Research and Development Agreement	Document	FLETC
CRAF	Civil Reserve Air Fleet	DOD Program	FEMA, NPPD
CRC	Curriculum Review Conference	DHS Program	FLETC
CRCL	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	DHS Component	ALL
CRDC	Cybersecurity Research & Development Center	Facility	S&T
CRDF	U.S. Civilian Research & Development Foundation	Private Sector	S&T
CRDS	Consolidated Remote Delivery Site	Facility	MGMT/OCAO
CREATE	Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events	Private Sector	S&T, PLCY/PSO
CRI	Cities Readiness Initiative	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
CRM	Common Risk Model	Term/phrase	NPPD/RMA
CRM	Crisis (or Communications) Resource Manager	Title	FEMA
CROSS	Counterterrorism Reporting on Suspicious Surveillance	Document	I&A, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
CRTF	Commander, Response Task Force (DOD)	Title	FEMA
CS&C	Cyber Security and Communications, Office of (NPPD/CS&C)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
CS&T	Cyber Security and Telecommunication (superceded by CS&C)]	Former DHS Subcomponent	
CSAC	Chemical Security Analysis Center	DHS Program	S&T

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CSD	Container Security Device	Equipment	CBP, S&T
CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program	HHS Program	FEMA
CSG	Counterterrorism Security Group	DHS Program	FEMA
CSI	Container Security Initiative	DHS Program	CBP, TSA
CSI	Customer Satisfaction Index	DHS Program	TSA
CSIS	Canadian Security Intelligence Service	Foreign	
CSIS	Center for Strategic International Studies	Private Sector	DSEC
CSO	Chief Security Officer	Title	MGMT/OCSO
CSO	Component Security Officer	Title	MGMT/OCSO
CSPI	Critical Systems Protective Initiative	DHS Program	USSS
CSPO	Cargo Systems Program Office	DHS Program	CBP
CSRS	Civil Service Retirement System	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCHCO
CST	Central Standard Time	Term/phrase	FEMA
CST	Civil Support Team (National Guard--for WMD)	DOD Program	FEMA
CSTARC	Cyber Security Tracking, Analysis and Response Center	DHS Program	NPPD/CS&C
CSU	Clearing-Staging Unit	Facility	FEMA
CSU	Crime Scene Unit	DHS Program	USSS
CSU	Customer Satisfaction Unit	DHS Program	CRCL
CT	Counterterrorism	Term/phrase	I&A
CTAC	Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee	DHS Committee	USCG
CTB	see CMTB		
CTC	Conference and Training Center	Facility	FEMA
CTC	Counterterrorism Center	FBI Facility	I&A
CTD	Counterterrorist Division	FBI Program	
CTD	Cumulative Trauma Disorder	Term/phrase	FEMA
CTGP	Competitive Training Grant Program	DHS Program	FEMA
CTOTF	Counter-Terrorism Operations Training Facility	Facility	FLETC
C-TPAT	Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism	DHS Program	CBP

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CTTP	Consolidated Trusted Traveler Program	DHS Program	TSA, CBP, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
CUI	Controlled Unclassified Information	Term/phrase	ALL
CWA	Chemical Warfare Agent	Term/phrase	S&T
CWA	Clean Water Act	Legislation	FEMA
CWIN	Critical Infrastructure Warning Information Network	DHS Program	I&A
CY	Calendar Year	Term/phrase	ALL
DA	Disaster Assistance (FEMA/DA)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
DAC	Disaster Assistance Center (or Direct Air Carrier)	Facility/Equipment	FEMA
DACS	Deportable Alien Control System	DHS Program	ICE, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
DAE	Disaster Assistance Employee	DHS Program	FEMA, MGMT
DAEO	Designated Agency Ethics Official	Title	OGC
DAGC	Deputy Associate General Counsel	Title	OGC
DALO	Disaster Area Liaison Officer	Title	FEMA
DAM	Digital Asset Management	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
DAO	Defense Attache Office	DOD Program	I&A
DARPA	Defense Advance Research Projects Agency	Federal Gov't	NPPD, S&T
DART	Damage Assessment Reconnaissance Team	DHS Program	FEMA
DART	Disaster Assessment and Recovery (or Response) Team	DHS Program	FEMA
DART	Disaster Assistance and Response Team	DHS Program	USCG
DAWG	Disaster Attache Working Group	DHS Program	PLCY/OIA
DBMS	Database Management System	Equipment	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
DCA	Defense Communications Agency	DOD Program	FEMA, NPPD
DCA	Disaster Communication Agreement	Term/phrase	FEMA, OPA

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DCAA	Defense Contract Audit Agency	Federal Gov't	S&T
DCE	Defense Coordinating Element	Term/phrase	FEMA
DCE	Disaster Communications Equipment	Equipment	FEMA, OPA
DCE/MED TF	Disaster Coordinating Element/ Medical Task Force	DHS Program	FEMA
DCEMA	District of Columbia Emergency Management Agency	State or Local Gov't	FEMA/NCRC
DCI	Director of Central Intelligence	Title	SEC/WHL, I&A
DCIS	Defense Criminal Investigative Service	Federal Gov't	
DCMI	Dublin Core Metadata Initiative	Private Sector A	MGMT/OCIO
DCN	Disaster Contractors Network	DHS Program	FEMA
DCO	Defense Coordinating Officer	Title	FEMA
DCS	Defense Communications System	DOD Program	FEMA
DCS	Digital Control System	Equipment	S&T
DCT	Donations Coordination Team	DHS Program	FEMA
DDOS	Distributed Denial of Service	Term/phrase	USSS
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration	DOJ Program	ALL
DEAC	Deemed Export Advisory Council	DOC Program	PLCY
DEAS	Digital Emergency Alert System	DHS Program	FEMA
DEASTP	Digital Evidence Acquisition Specialist Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
DECON	Decontamination	Term/phrase	FEMA
DEO	Detention Enforcement Officer	Title	ICE
DEST	Domestic Emergency Support Team	DHS Program	FEMA
DETER	Defense Technology Experimental Research	DHS Program	S&T
DFAA	Delegation of Financial Assistance Authority	Document	MGMT/CPO
DFAIT	Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade	Foreign	PLCY/OIA
DFAS	Defense Financial Accounting Service	Federal Gov't	ICE
DFO	Designated Federal Official	Title	FEMA, NPPD
DFO	Disaster Field Office	Term/phrase	FEMA

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DG/CS	Dangerous Goods/Cargo Security	DHS Program	TSA, CBP
DHS	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Federal Gov't	ALL
DIA	Defense Intelligence Agency	DOD Program	NPPD, I&A
DIAC	Defense Intelligence & Analysis Center	DOD Program	I&A
DIB	Defense Industrial Base	DOD Program	NPPD/IP
DIHS	Division of Immigration Health Services	DHS Program	USCIS
DIMC	Digital Identity Management Center	Facility	ICE
DIMOS	Drug Intelligence Method of Operation System	DHS Program	CNE
DISA	Defense Information Systems Agency	Federal Gov't	NPPD/IP
DISC	Disaster Information System Clearinghouse	DHS Program	FEMA
DLA	Defense Logistics Agency	Federal Gov't	FEMA, NPPD
DM	Disaster Management	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD
DMAT	Disaster Medical Assistance Team	DHS Program	FEMA, OPS
DMI	Disaster Management Interoperability	DHS Program	FEMA
DMIATF	Data Management Improvement Act Task Force, INS	DHS Committee	
DMIS	Disaster Management Interoperability Services	Equipment	S&T
DMORT	Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team	DHS Program	FEMA, OPS
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid	Substance	FEMA, S&T
DNDO	Domestic Nuclear Detection Office	DHS Component	ALL
DNI	Director of National Intelligence	Federal Gov't	ALL
DNR	Department of Natural Resources	Federal Gov't	FEMA
DO	Disaster Operations (FEMA/DO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL

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DOC	Department of Conservation	State or Local Gov't	FEMA
DOC	Department of Corrections	State or Local Gov't	ICE
DOC	U.S. Department of Commerce	Federal Gov't	ALL
DOD	U.S. Department of Defense	Federal Gov't	ALL
DODD	Department of Defense Directive		
DODRDB	Department of Defense Resource Database	DOD Program	
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy	Federal Gov't	ALL
DOG	Deployable Operations Group	DHS Program	USCG, FEMA
DOI	Innovation/HSARPA Division (S&T/DOI)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
DOI	U.S. Department of the Interior	Federal Gov't	ALL
DOJ	U.S. Department of Justice	Federal Gov't	ALL
DOL	U.S. Department of Labor	Federal Gov't	ALL
DOMO	Domestic Operations (USCIS/DOMO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
DOMS	Director of Military Support	Title	FEMA
DOR	Research Division (S&T/DOR)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
DOS	U.S. Department of State	Federal Gov't	ALL
DOT	Transition Division (S&T/DOT)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	Federal Gov't	ALL
DPA	Delegation of Procurement Authority	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCPO, I&A
DPMU	Disaster Portable Morgue Unit	Equipment	FEMA
DPP	Domestic Preparedness Program, Disaster Processing Procedures	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
DPPC	Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners	Private Sector Ass'n	PO
DPW	Department of Public Works	State or Local Gov't	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
DRC	Disaster Recovery Center	Facility	FEMA
DRF	Disaster Relief Fund	Federal Gov't	FEMA
DRM	Data Reference Model	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO

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DRO	Detention and Removal Office (ICE/DRO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
DRTF	Disaster Relief Task Force	DHS Program	FEMA
DSA	Digital Standard Algorithm	Equipment	I&A
DSBCC	Detection Systems for Biological & Chemical Countermeasures	DHS Program	S&T
DSEA	Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003	Legislation	OGC
DSEC	Deputy Secretary	Title	ALL
DSES	Directory Services and E-mail System	Equipment	MGMT/CAS
DSS	Decision Support System	DHS Program	NPPD/RMA
DSS	Diplomatic Security Service	DOS Program	USSS, ICE
DSSG	Defense Science Study Group	DHS Program	S&T
DSWA	Defense Special Weapons Agency	Federal Gov't	NPPD
DTE	Disaster Temporary Employee(s)	DHS Program	FEMA, MGMT
DTG	Date-Time Group	Term/phrase	FEMA
DTO	Drug Trafficking Organization	Term/phrase	CNE
DTRA	Defense Threat Reduction Agency	DOD Program	NPPD, I&A, DNDO
DTRG	Defense Technical Response Group	DOD Program	FEMA
DUNS	Data Universal Numbering System	Private Sector	MGMT/OCISO
EA	Enterprise Architecture	DHS Program	MGMT/OCIO
EACOE	Enterprise Architecture Center of Excellence	DHS Program	MGMT/OCIO
EAD	Employment Authorization Document	DHS Procedure	USCIS, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
EAGLE	Enterprise Acquisition Gateway for Leading Edge Solutions	DHS Program	MGMT/OCIO, MGMT/OCPO
EAI	Enterprise Application Integration	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
EAPMO	Enterprise Architecture Program Management Office	DHS Program	MGMT/OCIO
EARN	Employer Assistance Referral Network	Private Sector	CRCL

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EARS	Emergency Animal Rescue Service	DHS Program	FEMA
EAS	Emergency Alert System	DHS Program	FEMA
EBR	Endogenous Biological Regulators	Equipment	S&T
EBS	Emergency Broadcasting System	Federal Gov't	FEMA
ECC	Emergency Communications Center	Term/phrase	FEMA, OPA
<b>ECD</b>	<b>Effective Cumulative Dose</b>	<b>Term/phrase</b>	<b>FEMA</b>
ECG	Exercise Control Group, or Emergency Coordination Group (split)	Term/phrase	FEMA
ECSAP	Electronic Crimes Special Agent Program	DHS Program	USSS
ECT	Emergency Coordinating Team, or Exercise Control Team (split)	DHS Program	FEMA
<b>ECT</b>	<b>See IQ (formerly Executive or Enterprise Correspondence Tracking System)</b>	<b>DHS Program</b>	<b>All</b>
ECTF	Electronic Crimes Task Force	DHS Program	USSS
ED	Effective Dose	Term/phrase	S&T
ED	U.S. Department of Education	Federal Gov't	ALL
EDA	Economic Development Administration	DOC Program	FEMA
EDD	Explosive Detection Device	Equipment	TSA
EDEN	Education Disaster Extension Network	Private Sector Ass'n	OPA
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A, PLCY/SCO, CBP
EDMO	Enterprise Data Management Office (formerly MCOE)	DHS Program	MGMT/OCIO
EDS	Explosive Detection System(s)	Equipment	TSA, FEMA
EDT	Eastern Daylight Time	Term/phrase	ALL
EDXL	Emergency Data Exchange Language	DHS Program	FEMA
EEI	Essential Elements of Information		

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EEI	External Environment Interface	Equipment	MGMT/OCIO, I&A, PLCY/SCO
EENET	Emergency Education Network	DHS Program	FEMA
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	Federal Gov't	CRCL, FEMA
EESL	Extreme Events Simulation Laboratory	Facility	S&T
EEVS	Employment Eligibility Verification System	DHS Program	CBP, ICE, USCIS
EFS	Emergency Food & Shelter	Term/phrase	FEMA
EID	Enforcement Integrated Database	DOJ Program	ICE, CBP, USCIS, PLCY/SCO, I&A
EIS	Emergency Information System	DHS Program	FEMA, OPA
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	Term/phrase	FEMA
EIS	Epidemic Intelligence Service	HHS Program	I&A
EIT	Electronic Information Technology	Term/phrase	CRCL
EITS	Enhanced International Travel Security System	DHS Program	PRIV, PLCY/SCO, S&T
ELC	Engineering Logistics Center	Facility	USCG
ELINT	Electronic Intelligence	Term/phrase	I&A, OPS, CNE, DNDO
ELT	Emergency Location Transmitter	Equipment	USCG
ELT	Evacuation Liaison Team	DHS Program	FEMA
EMAC	Emergency Management Assistance Compact	State or Local Gov't	FEMA
EMAP	Emergency Management Accreditation Program Standard	DHS Program	FEMA, S&T
EMD	Electronic Monitoring Device	Term/phrase	ICE
eMerge2	electronically Managing enterprise resources for government effectiveness and efficiency		
EMI	Electromagnetic Interference	Term/phrase	FEMA
EMI	Emergency Management Institute, Board of Visitors for the	DHS Committee	FEMA

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EMIO	Expanded Maritime Interdiction Operation	DHS Program	USCG, CNE
EML	Environmental Measurements Laboratory	DHS Program	S&T, DNDO
EMPG	Emergency Management Performance Grant	DHS Program	FEMA
EMS	Emergency Management Specialist	Title	FEMA
EMS	Emergency Medical Services	Term/phrase	FEMA
EMSHG	Emergency Management Strategic Healthcare Group	DHS Program	FEMA
ENDEX	End of Exercise	Term/phrase	FEMA
EO	Executive Order, or Electro-Optical (split)	Term/phrase	FEMA, OGC
EO/IR	Electro Optical/Infrared	Equipment	CBP, ICE
EOC	Emergency Operations Center	Facility	FEMA
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal	DHS Program	FEMA, S&T
EOIR	Executive Office for Immigration Review	DOJ Program	USCIS, ICE
EOO	Emergency Operations Organization	Private Sector	FEMA
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan	Term/phrase	FEMA
EOP	Executive Office of the President	WHO Division	SEC/WHL
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Federal Gov't	ALL
EPEAT	Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool	Equipment	MGMT
EPI	Emergency Public Information	DHS Program	FEMA, OPA
EPIC	Electronic Privacy Information Center	DHS Program	TSA, S&T, PRIV, PLCY/SCO
EPIC	Emergency Preparedness Information Coordinator	Title	FEMA, OPA
EPOC	Emergency Points of Contact	DHS Program	FEMA
EPOC	Emergency Preparedness Operations Center	DHS Program	FEMA
EPP	Employee Personal Page	equipment	MGMT/OCHCO
EPR	Emergency Preparedness and Response	Former DHS Directorate	

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ER	Expedited Removal	Term/phrase	ICE, CBP
ERAMS	Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System	Equipment	FEMA, S&T
ERDC	Engineer Research and Development Center [U.S. Army]	DOD Program	S&T
ERG	Emergency Relocation Group	DHS Program	FEMA/COOP
ERM	Elevation Reference Mark	Term/phrase	FEMA
ERM	Enforcement Removal Module	DHS Program	ICE
ERMS	Enterprise Records Management System	DHS Program	MGMT
ERN	Emergency Response Network	Private Sector	FEMA
ERP	Emergency Response Plan	DHS Program	FEMA
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
ERP	Expedited Removal Process	Term/phrase	ICE
ERSAC	Emergency Response Senior Advisory Committee	DHS Committee	PLCY/HSAC
ERT	Emergency Response Team or Evidence Response Team (split)	Term/phrase	TSA, FEMA
ERW	Enhanced Radiation Weapon	Equipment	FEMA, S&T
ESAP	Energy Security and Assurance Program	DHS Program	NPPD
ESCAP	Electronic Crimes Special Agent Program	DHS Program	USSS
ESEC	Executive Secretariat	DHS Component	ALL
ESF	Emergency Support Function	Term/phrase	FEMA, PLCY/PSO, NPPD
ESGR	Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve	Term/phrase	USCG
ESI	Electronically stored information	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO
ESPC	Energy Savings Performance Contract	Document	MGMT/OCPO
EST	Eastern Standard Time	Term/phrase	Common
EST	Emergency Support Team	DHS Program	FEMA

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ESTA	Electronic System for Travel Authorization	DHS Program	PLCY/SCO, CBP, TSA, PRIV
ETA	Estimated time of arrival	Term/phrase	Common
ETD	Estimated time of departure	Term/phrase	Common
ETD	Explosives Trace Detector	Equipment	TSA
ETL	Extraction, Transformation and Loading	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A, PRIV, PLCY/SCO
EU	European Union	Foreign	CBP, PLCY/OIA
EVVE	Electronic Verification of Vital Events	DHS Program	USCIS, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
EWI	Entry Without Inspection	Term/phrase	CBP, USCG, ICE
EXB	Export-Import Bank	Federal Gov't	I&A
EXD	Explosives Division (S&T/EXD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration	DOT Program	ALL
FAAP	Foreign Airport Assessment Program	DHS Program	TSA
FAC	Family Assistance Center	DHS Program	FEMA
FAC	Financial Attack Center	DHS Program	CNE
FAC	Foreign Air Carrier	Private Sector	TSA
FACA	Federal Advisory Committee Act	Legislation	ALL
FAIR	Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act [of 1998]	Legislation	OGC
FAM	Federal Air Marshal	Title	TSA
FAMA	Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA
FAMS	see OLE/FAMS		
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions	Term/phrase	Common
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation	Legislation	MGMT, I&A
FAS	Freight Assessment System	DHS Program	TSA
FAST	Field Assessment Team	Term/phrase	FEMA
FAST	Free and Secure Trade [Initiative]	DHS Program	TSA, CBP, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
FAST	Future Attribute Screening Technology	DHS Program	S&T

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FBCI	Faith-Based and Community Initiatives	DHS Program	FEMA
FBCO	Faith-Based and Community Organizations	Private Sector	FEMA
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation	DOJ Program	ALL
FBIIC	Financial and Banking Information Infrastructure Committee	Private Sector	NPPD/IP
FCBA	Federal Communications Bar Association	Private Sector Ass'n	OGC, S&T
FCC	Federal Communications Commission	Federal Gov't	ALL
FCIP	Federal Career Intern Program	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCHCO, FEMA
FCO	Federal Coordinating Officer	Title	FEMA, NPPD
FDA	Food & Drug Administration	Federal Gov't	FEMA, NPPD, I&A
FDDI	Fiber Distributed Data Interface	Equipment	MGMT/OCIO, I&A, PLCY/SCO
FDIC	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Federal Gov't	ALL
FDL	Forensic Documents Laboratory	DHS Program	ICE
FDMS	Federal Docketing Management System	Federal Gov't	OGC
FDNS	Fraud Detection and National Security Unit	DHS Program	USCIS
FDSS	Federal Drug Seizure System	Federal Gov't	CBP, CNE
FEA	Federal Enterprise Architecture	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
FECC	Federal Emergency Communications Coordinator	Title	FEMA, NPPD
FEDCIRC	Federal Computer Incident Response Center	DHS Program	NPPD/CS&C
FEDMER	Federal Medical Evidence of Record	Document	MGMT/OCHCO
FEEA	Federal Employee Education & Assistance	Federal Gov't	TSA, MGMT/OCHCO
FEGLI	Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCHCO

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FEHB	Federal Employees Health Benefits	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCHCO
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	DHS Component & Directorate	ALL
FEMSA	Fire and Emergency Manufacturers and Services Association	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	Federal Gov't	S&T, NPPD
FERS	Federal Employees Retirement System	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCHCO
FFDO	Federal Flight Deck Officer	DHS Program	TSA
FFI	Financial Fraud Institute	DHS Program	FLETC
FFRDC	Federally Funded Research & Development Center	Federal Gov't	S&T, OGC
FFS	Federal Financial System	Federal Gov't	MGMT, I&A
FHCS	Federal Human Capital Survey	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCHCO
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration	Federal Gov't	TSA, FEMA
FIAB	Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board	DHS Program	I&A
FICC	Federal Interagency Coordination Council	Federal Gov't	S&T
FIN	Fingerprint Identification Number	Term/phrase	I&A
FINCEN	Financial Crimes Enforcement Network	DHS Program	FLETC, ICE
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standard	Federal Gov't	I&A
FIPS	FOIA Information Processing System	DHS Program	PRIV
FISA	Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act	Legislation	OGC
FISH	Forensic Information System for Handwriting	DHS Program	USSS, S&T
FISMA	Federal Information Security Management Act	Legislation	MGMT/OCIO, OIG, I&A
FIST	Field Intelligence Support Team	DHS Program	USCG
FLASH	Fellow Law Enforcement Agencies Securing the	Local Gov't	ICE

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	Homeland		
FLETC	Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (formerly Subcomponent under BTS)	DHS Component	ALL
FLIR	Forward Looking Infrared Radar	Equipment	CBP, TSA
FLRA	Federal Labor Relations Authority	Federal Gov't	FEMA, MGMT/OCHCO
FMA	Floodplain Management Association	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA
FMA	Flood Mitigation Assistance	DHS Program	FEMA
FMAGP	Fire Management Assistance Grants (or Grant Program)	DHS program	FEMA/USFA
FMC	Federal Maritime Commission	Federal Gov't	USCG
FMCS	Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service	Federal Gov't	FEMA, OGC
FMCSA	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration	DOT Program	TSA, NPPD
FMS	Federal Medical Shelters	HHS Program	FEMA, OHA
FMWC	Federal Multilingual Website Committee	Federal Gov't	USCIS
FOH	Federal Occupational Health	HHS Program	MGMT/OCHCO
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act	Legislation	FEMA, OGC, PRIV
FOP	Fugitive Operations Program	DHS Program	ICE
FOSC	Federal On-Scene Coordinator	Title	FEMA
FOUO	For official use only	Term/phrase	ALL
FPBF	Fines, Penalties & Forfeiture	DHS Program	CBP
FPDL	Fire Protection Demonstration Lab	DHS Program	FEMA
FPS	Federal Protective Service (ICE/FPS)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
FR	Federal Register	Federal Gov't	OGC, USCG
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration	DOT Program	TSA, NPPD
FRAC	First Responder Authorization Credential	DHS Program	FEMA
FRB	Federal Reserve Systems Board of Governors	Federal Gov't	ALL

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FRC	Fast Response Cutters	Equipment	USCG
FRC	Federal Records Center	Facility	MGMT/OCSO
FRERP	Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan	Federal Gov't	FEMA, S&T
FRMAC	Federal Radiological Measurement and Assessment Center	Federal Gov't	NPPD, S&T
FRMAP	Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Plan	Federal Gov't	NPPD, S&T
FRN	Federal Register Notice	Document	FEMA, OGC
FRN	Federal Reserve Note	Term/phrase	USSS
FRP	Federal Response Plan	Federal Gov't	FEMA
FRPI	First Responder Partnership Initiative	DHS Program	FEMA/NCRC
FRS	Federal Reserve System	Federal Gov't	NPPD/IP
FRTIB	Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board	Federal Gov't	MGMT
FRZ	Flight Restricted Zone	Term/phrase	ICE
FSA	Flexible Spending Account	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCHCO
FSD	Federal Security Director	Title	TSA, S&T
FSD	Forensic Services Division	DHS Program	USSS
FSE	Full-Scale Exercise	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD
FSIS	Food Safety and Inspection Service	USDA Program	NPPD/IP
FSIS	Foreign Service Institute	Federal Gov't	I&A
FSL	Federal, State, Local	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
FSSA	Flight School Security Awareness	DHS Program	TSA
FSSC	Fleet Surveillance Support Command	CNE	
FTA	Federal Transit Administration	DOT Program	TSA, FEMA
FTAA	Free Trade Area of the Americas	Term/phrase	ICE
FTC	Federal Trade Commission	Federal Gov't	ALL
FTC	Federal Training Coordinator	Title	TSA
FTE	Full-time Equivalent	Term/phrase	FEMA, MGMT/OCSO,
FTO	Foreign Terrorist Organizations	Term/phrase	I&A

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FTP	File Transfer Protocol	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
FTS	Federal Telecommunications (or Telephone) System (or Service)	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCISO, FEMA
FTSS	Federal Training Support Staff	Title	TSA
FTTTF	Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force	DOJ Program	I&A
FTZ	Foreign Trade Zone	Term/phrase	CBP
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	DOI Program	FEMA, USCG
FY	Fiscal Year	Term/phrase	ALL
FYHSP	Future Years Homeland Security Program	DHS Program	MGMT
GAAWG	General Aviation Airports Working Group	DHS Program	TSA
GAL	Global Access List	Equipment	MGMT/OCIO
GAMA	General Aviation Manufacturers Association	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
GANTSEC	Greater Antilles Section	Term/phrase	ICE, USCG
GAO	Government Accountability Office	Federal Gov't	ALL
GC	General Counsel (see also OGC)	Title	FEMA, OGC
GCR	Gulf Coast Region, Recovery and Rebuilding of the	DHS Component	ALL
GEIA	Government Electronic and Information Technology Association	Private Sector Ass'n	NPPD/CS&C
GES	Global Enrollment System	Equipment	USCIS, CBP, ICE, I&A, PRIV, PLCY/SCO
GETS	Government Emergency Telecommunications Service	Federal Gov't	FEMA, NPPD/CS&C
GFIRST	Government Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams	Federal Gov't	USSS, NPPD, S&T
GIF	Graphical Image Format	Term/phrase	ALL
GIG	Global Information Grid	DOD Program	I&A
GIS	Geographic Information System(s)	DHS Program	FEMA
GLD	General Law Division	DHS Subcomponent	OGC

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GLPAC	Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee	DHS Committee	USCG
GNDA	Global Nuclear Detection Architecture	DHS Program	DNDO
GOES	Global Online Enrollment System	International	CBP
GOTS	Government Off the Shelf	Equipment	MGMT, I&A
GP	Grant Programs, Office of (FEMA/GP)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
GPO	Government Printing Office	Federal Gov't	FEMA, MGMT
GPS	Global Positioning System	Equipment	FEMA, S&T, USCG
GS	General Schedule	Document	MGMT/OCHCO
GSA	General Services Administration	Federal Gov't	ALL
GUI	Graphical User Interface	Equipment	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
GUIRR	Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable	DHS Program	S&T
GWAC	Government-wide Acquisition Contract	Document	MGMT, I&A
HALE	High Altitude Long Endurance (see also MALE)	Term/phrase	USCG
HAMMER	Hazardous Agent Mitigation and Medical Emergency Response	DHS Program	USSS, S&T
HAMMER	Hazardous Materials Management and Emergency Response	DOE Program	FEMA
HAN	Health Alert Network	DHS Program	FEMA
HAS	Homeland Security Act [of 2002]	Legislation	ALL
HAS	Homeland Security Advisor	Title	PLCY/HSAC
HAZMAT	Hazardous Material(s)	Term/phrase	FEMA, S&T, PLCY/SCO
HAZUS	Hazards United States	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD/RMA
HBCU	Historically Black College and Universities	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
HCO	see OCHCO		

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HCTS	Hazardous Cargo Transportation Security	DHS Program	USCG
HETA	Homeland Environment and Threat Analysis Division	DHS Program	I&A
HFD	Human Factors Division (S&T/HFD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
HHMD	Hand-Held Metal Detector	Equipment	TSA
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	Federal Gov't	ALL
HIDTA	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area	Term/phrase	CNE, ICE
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	Legislation	PRIV
HIPS	Homeland Innovative Prototypical Solutions	DHS Program	S&T
HIRA	Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	DHS Program	NPPD/RMA
HIS	Homeland Security Institute	Private Sector	FEMA
HITRAC	Homeland Infrastructure Threat and Risk Analysis Center	Facility	NPPD/IP, I&A, S&T
HITRON	Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron	DHS Program	USCG
HITS	High Impact Technology Solutions	DHS Program	S&T
HLD	Homeland Defense	Term/phrase	S&T, MGMT/OCIO
HLS	Homeland Security	Term/phrase	S&T, MGMT/OCIO
HLSEA	Homeland Security Enterprise Architecture	DHS Program	S&T, MGMT/OCIO
HME	Hazardous Materials Endorsement	DHS Program	TSA
HMGP	Hazardous Mitigation Grants Program	DHS Program	FEMA/G&T
HMRU	Hazardous Materials Response Unit (FBI)	FBI Program	FEMA
HPPM	Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine [U.S. Army Center for]	DOD Program	S&T, OHA

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HPRDS	Human Portable Radiation Detection System	Equipment	DNDO
HRLD	Human Rights Law Division	DHS Program	ICE
HRMS	Human Resources Management System	DHS Program	MGMT
HRSA	Health Resources & Services Administration	HHS Program	NPPD/IGP
HRV	Human Rights Violator/Violation	Term/phrase	ICE
HSAC	Homeland Security Advisory Committees (PLCY/HSAC)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
HSARPA	Homeland Security Advanced Research Project Agency	DHS Program	S&T
HSAS	Homeland Security Advisory System	DHS Program	ALL
HSC	Homeland Security Council (formerly OHS)	WHO Program	ALL
HSDF	Homeland Security Dialogue Forum	Private Sector	NPPD/CS&C
HSDN	High Seas Drift Nets	Equipment	USCG
HSDN	Homeland Secure Data Network	Equipment	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
HSEEP	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program	DHS Program	NPPD/IGP
HS GP	Homeland Security Grant Program	DHS Program	FEMA/G&T
HSIA	Homeland Security Industry Alliance	Private Sector Ass'n	PLCY/PSO
HSIN	Homeland Security Information Network (formerly JRIS)	DHS Program	NPPD/IGP, PLCY/PSO, OPS, I&A
HSIPP	Homeland Security Integrated Planning Process	DHS Program	NPPD
HSIR	Homeland Security Intelligence Report	Document	I&A
HSLRB	Homeland Security Labor Board	DHS Component	All
HSNTP	Homeland Security National Training Program	DHS Program	FEMA

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HSOC	Homeland Security Operations Center [see new name under NOC]		
HSPD	Homeland Security Presidential Directive	DHS Procedure	FEMA, ESEC, S&T, I&A, NPPD/IGP
HSSP	Homeland Security Standards Panel	Private Sector	PLCY/PSO
HSTTIG	Homeland Security Terrorist Threat Intelligence Group	DHS Program	I&A
HTML	Hypertext Markup Language	Term/phrase	ALL
HTS	High Temperature Superconductor	Equipment	S&T
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol	Term/phrase	ALL
HTUA	High Threat Urban Area	Term/phrase	NPPD, TSA
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	Federal Gov't	ALL
HVAC	Heat, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCSO, FEMA
HVT	High Value Target	Term/phrase	NPPD/IP
I&A	Intelligence and Analysis	DHS Component	ALL
I&W	Indication and Warning	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD
IA	In and around, or Individual Assistance	Term/phrase	FEMA
IA	Inter-agency	Term/phrase	
IA	International Affairs (see OIA)		
IA (see I&A)	Information Analysis (former DHS Subcomponent)		I&A
IAAE	International Association of Airport Executives	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA, PLCY/SCO
IAASP	International Association of Airport and Seaport Police	International	TSA, CBP, USCG
IAC	International Aviation Club	International	CBP
IACP	International Association of Chiefs of Police	State or Local Gov't	FEMA, OPA, NPPD/IGP
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
IAD	Interagency Programs Division (S&T/IAD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL

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IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency	International	NPPD, S&T
IAEM	International Association of Emergency Managers	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
IAFC	International Association of Fire Chiefs	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA, S&T, NPPD/IGP, FEMA/USFA
IAFF	International Association of Fire Fighters	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA
IAFIS	Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System	Equipment	CBP, S&T, USCG, PLCY/SCO
IAI	International Association for Identifications	Private Sector Ass'n	USSS
IAIP	Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (split into PREP and I&A October 2005)	Former DHS Directorate	
IANA	Intermodal Association of North America	Private Sector Ass'n	NPPD/CS&C
IAP	Immigration Advisory Program	DHS Program	CBP
IAPH	International Association of Ports and Harbors	International	USCG
IAPP	International Association of Privacy Professionals	Private Sector Ass'n	PRIV, NPPD/US-VISIT
IARLJ	International Association of Refugee Law Judges	Private Sector Ass'n	USCIS
IASIR	International Association of Security and Investigative Regulators	Private Sector Ass'n	USCIS, ICE
IATA	International Air Transport Association	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
IAW	In accordance with	Term/phrase	Common
IBET	Integrated Border Enforcement Team	DHS Program	CBP
IBIS	Interagency Border Inspection System	DHS Program	CBP, USCIS, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
IBPAP	International Business Practices Advisory Panel	DHS Program	S&T

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IBT	International Brotherhood of Teamsters	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
IC	Incident Commander	Title	FEMA
IC	Intelligence Community	Federal Gov't	I&A, SEC
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization	Private Sector	TSA, NPPD, FEMA
ICC	Incident Command Center	Facility	FEMA
ICC	Intelligence Control Center	Facility	FEMA, I&A
ICC	Interagency Coordination Council	DHS Program	DNDO
ICD	Improvised Chemical Device	Equipment	NPPD
ICD	Infrastructure Coordination Division	DHS Program	NPPD/IP
ICD	Institute of Chemical Defense	DOD Program	NPPD
ICDR	Interagency Committee on Disability Research	Private Sector Ass'n	CRCL, I&A
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement, United States (formerly Bureau of)	DHS Component	ALL
ICER	Incident Communications Emergency Reference	Term/phrase	PLCY/HSAC
ICGP	Interoperable Communications Grant Program	DHS Program	FEMA/G&T & DOJ
ICITAP	International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program	DHS Program	FLETC
ICLN	Integrated Consortium of Laboratory Networks	Private Sector Ass'n	NPPD
ICP	Incident Command Post	Facility	FEMA
ICP	Information Collection Plan	Term/phrase	FEMA
ICP	Integrated Cargo Processing	DHS Program	CBP
ICPACC	Incident Communications Public Affairs Coordination Committee	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD, OPA
ICPAE	Interagency Committee on Public Affairs in Emergencies	Federal Gov't	FEMA, OPA
ICPO	(see INTERPOL)	International	ICE
ICPS	Integrated Card Production System	DHS Program	USCIS
ICRP	International Commission on Radiological Protection	Private Sector	FEMA, DNDO, S&T

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ICS	Incident Command System	Federal Gov't	FEMA
ICSC	International Cargo Security Council	International	CBP
ICU	Intensive Care, Incident Crisis, or Information Coordination Unit	Facility	FEMA
ID	Identification credentials	Term/phrase	CBP, TSA
ID	Infectious Disease	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD, S&T, OHA
IDE	Intrusion Detection Equipment [see IDS]	Equipment	MGMT/OCSO
IDEC	International Drug Enforcement Conference	International	CNE
IDENT	Automated Biometric Identification System	Equipment	CBP, PLCY/SCO, I&A, PRIV, NPPD/US-VISIT
IDGA	Institute for Defense and Government Advancement	Private Sector	TSA
IDS	Integrated Deepwater System	Equipment	USCG
IDS	Intrusion Detection System	Equipment	TSA, I&A
IEA	Immigration Enforcement Agent	Title	ICE
IED	Improvised Explosive Device	Term/phrase	TSA, NPPD, S&T
IED	Incendiary Explosive Device	Term/phrase	TSA
IED	In-line Explosive Detection	Term/phrase	TSA
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
IEISS	Interdependent Energy Infrastructure Simulation System	Equipment	NPPD/RMA
IEMC	Integrated Emergency Management Course	DHS Program	FEMA
IFALPA	International Federation of Airline Pilots Association	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
IFMIS	Integrated Financial Management Information System	Term/phrase	MGMT/CFO, FEMA
IFPA	Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, Inc.	Private Sector	CBP, USCG
IFR	Interim Final Rule	Term/phrase	OGC

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IFTP	Internet Forensic Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
IG	Inspector General (see also OIG)	Title	FEMA, OIG
IGD	Infrastructure and Geophysical Division (S&T/IGD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
IGP	Intergovernmental Programs, Office of (NPPD/IGP)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
IHP	Individual and Households Program	Federal Gov't	FEMA
IHSS	Institute for Homeland Security Solutions	DHS Program	S&T
IICT	Interagency Intelligence Committee on Terrorism	Federal Gov't	NPPD, I&A
III	Interstate Identification Index	Federal Gov't	TSA
IIMG	Interagency Incident Management Group	Federal Gov't	NPPD, FEMA
IIRIRA	Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act	Legislation	USCIS, OGC
IITP	Internet Investigations Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
ILEA	International Law Enforcement Academy	DHS Program	FLETC
ILS	Integrated Logistics Support	DOD Program	CBP
IMAAC	Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center	Facility	NPPD, S&T
IMAC	Infrastructure Monitoring, Analysis, and Coordination	DHS Program	NPPD
IMAGE	ICE Mutual Agreement Between Government and Employers	DHS Program	ICE
IMAT	Incident Management Assist Team	DHS Program	FEMA
IMO	International Maritime Organization	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA, USCG
IMPT	Incident Management Planning Team	DHS Program	OPS
IMRD	Information Management and Requirements Division	DHS Program	I&A
IMS	Incident Management System	DHS Program	I&A

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IMT	Incident Management Team	DHS Program	USCG
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act	Legislation	USCIS, I&A
INCITS	International Committee for Information Technology Standards	International	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
IND	Improvised Nuclear Device	Term/phrase	NPPD, DNDO, S&T
IND	International Programs Division (S&T/IND)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
INFOSEC	Information Security	Term/phrase	I&A
INL	International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs [Bureau for]	DOS Program	ALL
INPASS	INS Passenger Accelerated Service System	DHS Program	CBP, NPPD/US-VISIT
INRP	Initial National Response Plan	DHS Program	FEMA
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service (former gov't agency, now USCIS, CBP and ICE at DHS) [see also DMIATF and ASUFAC]		USCIS, CBP, ICE, I&A
INSPASS	see INPASS		
INT	Intelligence, Office of (ICE/INT)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
INTERPOL	International Criminal Police Organization	Private Sector Ass'n	ICE
INV	Investigations, Office of (ICE/INV)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
INV	Investigations, Office of (USSS/INV)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
IOF	Initial or Interim Operating Facility	Facility	FEMA
IOM	International Organization for Migration	Private Sector Ass'n	FLETC
IOS	see ISO		
IP	Infrastructure Protection, Office of (NPPD/IP) [formerly with IAIP]	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
IPAWS	Integrated Public Alert and Warning System	DHS Program	FEMA

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IPR	Initial Projections Report, or In-Process Review	Term/phrase	FEMA
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights	Term/phrase	CBP
IPRL	Intelligent Personal Radiation Locator	Equipment	DNDO
IPS	International Port Security	International	USCG
IPT	Integrated Process Team	DHS Program	FEMA
IPT	Integrated Product Team	DHS Program	S&T
IPT	Integrated Project Team	DHS Program	MGMT
<a href="#">IQ</a>	<a href="#">Internet Quorum</a>	<a href="#">DHS Program</a>	<a href="#">All</a>
IRAPP	Infrastructure Risk Assessment Partnership Program	DHS Program	NPPD/IP, NPPD/RMA
IRCA	Immigration Reform and Control Act (1986)	Legislation	OGC, NPPD/US-VISIT
IRCM	Infrared Countermeasure	Equipment	S&T
IRI	Industrial Research Institute	Private Sector	S&T
IRP	Institutional Removal Program	DHS Program	ICE
IRP	Interior Repatriation Program	DHS Program	ICE, CBP
IRR	Initial Response Resource(s)	Term/phrase	FEMA
IRS	Internal Revenue Service	TREAS Program	ALL
IRT	Initial Response Team	Term/phrase	FEMA
IRT	International Registered Traveler	DHS Program	PLCY/SCO, I&A, PRIV
IRTI	Immigration Reform Transformation Initiatives	Federal Gov't	PLCY/SCO, USCIS
IRTPA	Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (2004)	Legislation	CRCL, I&A, OGC, CBP
IRVMC	Inland River Vessel Management Center	Facility	USCG
IRZ	Immediate Response Zone	Term/phrase	FEMA
ISAC	Information Sharing and Analysis Center	DHS Program	I&A
ISACA	Information Systems Audit and Control Association	Private Sector Ass'n	MGMT/OCIO
ISAMS	Information Sharing Agreement Management System	DHS Program	I&A
ISAO	Information Sharing and Analysis Organization	Private Sector	I&A

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ISBE	Infrastructure Security for the Built Environment	DHS Program	FEMA/NCRC
ISC	Information Sharing & Collaboration Office (I&A/ISC)	DHS subcomponent	ALL
ISC	Interagency Security Committee	Federal Gov't	MGMT/CSO
ISCC	Information Sharing Coordinating Council	DHS Program	I&A
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network	Equipment	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
ISE	Information Sharing Environment	DNI Program	I&A
ISI	Immigration Security Initiative	DHS Program	USCIS
ISIS	Integrated Surveillance Intelligence System	DHS Program	CBP
ISMA	International Security Management Association	Private Sector Ass'n	PLCY/OIA
ISO	International Organization for Standardization	International	S&T, I&A
ISOO	Information Security Oversight Office	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCSO
ISP	Immediate Services Program, or Information Systems Plan	DHS Program	FEMA
ISP	Information Security Program	DHS Program	MGMT/OCSO
ISP	Intensive Supervision Program	Term/phrase	ICE
ISP	Interagency Security Plan	DHS Program	NPPD
ISP	Internet Service Provider	Private Sector	USSS
ISPS	International Ship and Port Facility Security	DHS Program	USCG
ISR	Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance	Term/phrase	USCG
ISRS	Image Storage and Retrieval System	Equipment	USCIS, CBP, ICE, PRIV, PLCY/SCO, NPPD/US-VISIT
ISSA	Information Systems Security Association	Private Sector Ass'n	USSS
ISSM	Information Systems Security Manager	Title	MGMT/OCIO

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ISSO	Information Systems Security Officer	Title	MGMT/OCIO
IST	Incident Support Team	DHS Program	FEMA
I-STAFF	Headquarters Operational Integration Staff (folded into new Directorate for Preparedness Oct 2005)	Former DHS Component	
ISTS	Institute for Security Technology Studies	Private Sector	NPPD, S&T
ISWG	Import Safety Working Group	DHS Program	PLCY/PDEV
IT	Information Technology	Term/phrase	ALL
ITA	Integrated Transport Analysis	DHS Program	TSA
ITAA	Information Technology Association of America	Private Sector Ass'n	PRIV
ITAC	Information Technology Acquisition Center	DHS Program	MGMT/OCPO, MGMT/OCIO
ITAR	Information Technology Acquisition Review	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO
ITAR	International Traffic in Arms Regulations	International	CBP, S&T
ITC	International Trade Commission	Federal Gov't	CBP, FEMA
ITD	International Training Division	DHS Program	USCG
ITDS	International Trade Data System	Federal Gov't	I&A, CBP
ITI	International to International	DHS Program	CBP, TSA
ITIPS	Information Technology Investment Portfolio System	Equipment	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
ITMRA	Information Technology Management Reform Act	Legislation	I&A
ITP	Infrastructure Transformation Program	DHS Program	MGMT/OCIO
ITPMO	Infrastructure Transformation Program Office	DHS Program	MGMT/OCIO
ITSO	Information Technology Services Office	DHS Program	MGMT/OCIO
ITTC	Identity Theft Technology Council	Private Sector	S&T
ITWG	International Technical Working Group	DHS Program	S&T

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IV&V	Interdependent Verification and Validation	DHS Program	TSA, NPPD/US-VISIT
IWG	Implementation Working Group	DHS Program	CNE
IWN	Integrated Wireless Network	Equipment	MGMT/OCIO
JAC	Joint Analysis Center	Facility	DNDO, I&A
JCCC	Joint Customs Coordination Council [U.S. and European Union]	DHS Program	CBP
JCGC	Joint Center for Global Connectivity	Facility	DNDO
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff	DOD Program	ALL
JFO	Joint Field Office	Facility	FEMA
JHOC	Joint Harbor Operations Command Center	Facility	USCG
JIATF	Joint Interagency Task Force	DHS Program	CNE, TSA
JIC	Joint Information or Intelligence Center (split)	Facility	FEMA
JIOC	Joint Investigative Operations Center	Facility	USCG
JMIE	Joint Maritime Information Element	Equipment	I&A, PRIV, PLCY/SCO
JMIP	Joint Military Intelligence Program	DOD Program	I&A
JOC	Joint Operations Center	Term/phrase	FEMA
JPATS	Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System	DHS Program	ICE
JPEO/CBD	Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense	DOD Program	NPPD
JRIES	Joint Regional Information Exchange System	DHS Program	NPPD/IGP, I&A, OPS
JSERA	Joint Special Events Risk Assessment	DHS Program	NPPD/IP, NPPD/RMA
JTTF	Joint Terrorism Task Force	Private Sector	FEMA, I&A
JWICS	Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communication System	Equipment	FEMA, I&A
JXDM	[Global] Justice XML Data Model	International	I&A
KBRM	Knowledge-Based Risk Management	Term/phrase	CBP
KI	Potassium Iodide	Substance	FEMA, S&T

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LA (see LIA)	Legislative Affairs (see LIA) (expanded to Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Oct 2005)		
LAN	Local Area Network	Equipment	FEMA, MGMT/OCIO, I&A
LANL	Los Alamos National Laboratory	Facility	DNDO
LASP	Large Aircraft Security Program	DHS Program	TSA
LCCE	Life Cycle Cost Estimate	Term/phrase	NPPD/US-VISIT
LEA	Law Enforcement Agency	State or Local Gov't	FEMA, FLETC, USCG
LEA	Light Enforcement Aircraft	Equipment	ICE
LEAINTP	Law Enforcement Advanced Interviewing Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
LEAP	Law Enforcement Availability Pay	Federal Gov't	ICE
LEDET	Law Enforcement Detachment	DHS Program	USCG
LEED	Law Enforcement Executive Development Program	DHS Program	FLETC
LEGAT	Legal Attache	Term/phrase	FEMA, OGC
LEH	Light Enforcement Helicopter	Equipment	ICE
LELI	Law Enforcement Leadership Institute	DHS Program	FLETC
LEMDP	Law Enforcement Management Development Program	DHS Program	FLETC
LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	Title	TSA, FLETC
LEOSA	Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act	Legislation	TSA, CBP, FLETC
LEP	Limited English Proficiency	Term/phrase	CRCL, FEMA
LEP	Loaned Executive Program	DHS Program	MGMT/OCHCO
LESC	Law Enforcement Support Center	DHS Program	ICE
LETPP	Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program	DHS Program	NPPD
LFA	Lead Federal Agency	Term/phrase	FEMA
LHD	Local Health Department	State or Local Gov't	FEMA, NPPD/IGP, OHA
LIA	[formerly LA; superseded by OLA]		

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LIFE	Legal Immigration Family Equity	DHS Program	USCIS
LIMS	Logistics Information Management System	Equipment	USCG
LINX	Law Enforcement Information Exchange [Navy]	DOD Program	I&A
LLEA	Local Law Enforcement Agency	State or Local Gov't	FEMA, NPPD/IGP, FLETC
LLIS	Lessons Learned Information Sharing System	Federal Gov't	PLCY/HSAC
LLNL	Lawrence Livermore Laboratory	Facility	S&T, DNDO
LLP	Limited Liability Partnership	Term/phrase	
LM	Logistics Management (FEMA/LM)	DHS subcomponent	ALL
LMS	Learning Management System	Equipment	MGMT/OCHCO
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas	Term/phrase	USCG, S&T
LOC	Library of Congress	Federal Gov't	
LOC	Line of Communication, or Letter of Credit (split)	Term/phrase	FEMA
LOU	Limited official use	Term/phrase	
LPOC	Last Port of Call	Term/phrase	CBP, USCG
LPR	Lawful Permanent Resident (status)	Title	CBP, USCIS
LPR	Legal Permanent Resident (person)	Term/phrase	USCIS, PLCY/OIS, CBP
LRN	Laboratory Response Network	Federal Gov't	S&T
LRT	Long Range Tracker	Equipment	CBP
LSC	Legal Services Corporation	Federal Gov't	OGC
LSC	Life Support Center	Facility	FEMA
LSS	Laboratory Scientific Services	Private Sector	S&T
LSS	Life Support System	Equipment	FEMA
LTATP	Land Transportation Anti-terrorism Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
LTD	Limited	Term/phrase	Common
M&IE	Meals and Incidental Expenses	Term/phrase	FEMA
M/V	Merchant Vessel	Equipment	CBP, USCG
MAAFS	Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists	Private Sector Ass'n	USSS

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MAC	Mapping and Analysis Center	Facility	FEMA
MAC	Multiple award contract	Term/phrase	USCG
MACC	Multi Agency Crime Center	Facility	ICE
MACC	Multi-Agency Coordination Center	Facility	FEMA
MALE	Medium Altitude Long Endurance (see also HALE)	Term/phrase	USCG
MANPADS	Man Portable Air Defense System	DHS Program	OGC
MARAD	Maritime Administration	DOT program	TSA, FEMA, USCG
MARC	Maryland Rail Commuter	State or Local Gov't	FEMA/NCRC, TSA
MARSEC	Maritime Security	Term/phrase	USCG
MASFO	Multi-Agency Strike Force Operation	Federal	USCG
MASINT	Measurement and Signature Intelligence	Term/phrase	TSA, I&A, OPS
MAST	Maritime Security and Strategic Toolkit	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD/RMA
MATRIX	Multistate Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange	DHS Program	I&A
MATTS	Marine Asset Tag Tracking System	Equipment	S&T
MATTS	Mobile Air Transportable Telecommunications System	Equipment	FEMA/COOP
MAV	Micro Air Vehicle	Equipment	I&A
MCC	Major Cities [police] Chiefs	State or Local Gov't	FEMA, S&T
MCI	Mass Casualty Incident	Term/phrase	FEMA
MCOE	Metadata Center of Excellence (see EDMO)	DHS Program	MGMT/OCIO
MCSAP	Motor Carrier Safety and Assistance Program	DOT program	TSA, FEMA
MD	Medical Doctor	Title	FEMA
MDA	Maritime Domain Awareness	DHS Program	USCG, CNE
MDD	Metal Detection Device	Equipment	TSA
MEA	Major Emergency Action	Term/phrase	FEMA
MEA	Multi-Role Enforcement Aircraft	Equipment	ICE

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MEDEVAC	Medical Evacuation	Term/phrase	FEMA
MEDRED	Medical Readiness (OHA/MEDRED)	DHS subcomponent	ALL
MEMA	Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association	Private Sector Ass'n	ICE
MEPI	Middle East Partnership Initiative	DOS Program	
MERS	Mobile Emergency Response Support	DHS Program	FEMA
MERSA	Mobile Emergency Response Support Assets	Equipment	FEMA
MFAS	Marriage Fraud Amendment System	DHS Program	USCIS
MGMT	Management	DHS Component & Directorate	ALL
MIFC	Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center	Facility	USCG
MIIS	Microsoft Identity Integration Server	Equipment	MGMT/OCIO
MIL	Military Advisor's Office	DHS Component	ALL
MIND	Maritime Interceptor for Nuclear Detection	Equipment	DNDO, S&T
MIPT	Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism	Private Sector	FEMA
MISLE	Maritime Information for Safety and Law Enforcement	Equipment	USCG
MLAT	Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty	International	I&A
MLETP	Marine Law Enforcement Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
MLH	Medium Lift Helicopter	Equipment	ICE
MMD	Merchant Mariner Document	Document	USCG
MMPAC	Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee	DHS Committee	USCG
MMRS	Metropolitan Medical Response System	DHS Program	FEMA
MO	Medical Officer	Title	FEMA
MO	Method of operation	Term/phrase	Common
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement	Term/phrase	ALL

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MOC	Mobile Operations Center	Term/phrase	FEMA
MOU	Memorandum of understanding	Term/phrase	ALL
MPA	Maritime Patrol Aircraft	Equipment	CNE
MPAC	Muslim Public Affairs Council	Private Sector Ass'n	CRCL
MR	Medical Records	Term/phrase	FEMA
MRC	Medical Reserve Corps	DHS Program	NPPD, FEMA
MRE	Meal, Ready-to-Eat	Term/phrase	FEMA, USCG
MRO	Mandatory Removal Offense	Term/phrase	ICE
MRP	Machine readable passport	Equipment	CBP
MRP	Minimal Repair Program	DHS Program	FEMA
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area	Term/phrase	FEMA & DOJ
MSC	Mobile Switching Center	Facility	
MSCA	Military Support to Civil Authorities	DOD Program	FEMA
MSEL	Master Scenario Events List	DHS Program	FEMA
MSF	Mobile Screening Force	DHS Program	TSA
MSI	Minority-Serving Institution	Private Sector	MGMT, CRCL
MSIC	Missile and Space Intelligence Center	Facility	S&T
MSO	Maritime Security Operations	DHS Program	USCG
MSPB	Merit Systems Protection Board	Federal Gov't	FEMA, MGMT
MSRAM	Maritime Security Risk Assessment Model	DHS Program	USCG, NPPD/RMA
MSST	Maritime Safety and Security Team	DHS Program	USCG
MT	Mitigation (FEMA/MT)	DHS subcomponent	ALL
MTI	Methodology Technical Implementation	DHS Program	NPPD/RMA
MTOW	Maximum Takeoff Weight	Term/phrase	TSA
MTSA	Maritime Transportation Security Act	Legislation	TSA, USCG
MTSP	Mass Transit Security Program	DHS Program	TSA
MWA	Metropolitan Washington Area	Term/phrase	FEMA/NCRC
MWCOG	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments	State or Local Gov't	FEMA/NCRC
MWEOC	Mount Weather Emergency Operations Center	Facility	FEMA/COOP

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MWMD	Mount Weather Management Division	DHS Program	FEMA
N/A	Not applicable or Not affected	Term/phrase	Common
NA	North American	Term/phrase	
NAAE	National Association of Agricultural Employees	Private Sector Ass'n	MGMT
NAAT	North American Aviation Trilateral	International	TSA
NAC	National Agency Check	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCSO, FEMA
NAC	Nebraska Avenue Complex	Facility	DHS
NACA	National Air Carrier Association	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
NACDD	National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities	Private Sector Ass'n	CRCL
NACIC	National Counterintelligence Center	DNI Program	I&A
NADB	National Assets Data Base	DHS Program	NPPD/IP
NADO	National Association of Development Organizations	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA
NAFSMA	National Association of Flood & Stormwater Management Agencies	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA
NAFTZ	National Association of Free Trade Zones	Private Sector Ass'n	ICE, CBP
NAHB	National Association of Home Builders	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA
NAI	North American Initiative	DHS Program	PLCY/OIA
NAIS	National Automated Immigration Lookout System	DHS Program	CBP, USCIS, USCG
NAP	Nuclear Assessment Program	Term/phrase	S&T
NAPO	National Organization of Police Organizations	Local Gov't Ass'n	NPPD/IGP
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration	Federal Gov't	ALL
NARAC	National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center	Federal Gov't	FEMA, NPPD
NARP	National Agriculture Release Program	DHS Program	CBP

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NARS	National Archives and Records Service	Federal Gov't	MGMT
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	Federal Gov't	ALL
NASAR	National Association for Search and Rescue	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
NASBLA	National Association of State Boating Law Administrators	Private Sector Ass'n	USCG
NASCIO	National Association of State Chief Information Officers	State or Local Gov't	S&T, MGMT/OCIO
NASEMSO	National Association of State Emergency Medical Officials	State or Local Gov't	FEMA, S&T, OHA
NASULGC	Nat'l Ass'n of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T, USCIS
NATA	National Air Transportation Association	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T, TSA
NATCA	National Air Traffic Controllers Association	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization	International	FEMA, PLCY/OIA
NAWAS	National Warning System	Federal Gov't	FEMA
NAWE	National Association for Waterfront Employees	Private Sector Ass'n	MGMT/OCHCO
NBACC	National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center	Facility	S&T, MGMT/OCISO, I&A
NBAF	National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility	DHS Program	S&T
NBFAC	National Bioforensic Analysis Center	Facility	S&T
NBIC	National Biosurveillance Integration Center	DHS Program	OHA
NBSAC	National Boating Safety Advisory Council	DHS Committee	USCG
NBTA	National Business Travel Association	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
NBWDA	National BioWeapons Defense Analysis Center	DHS Program	S&T
NCA	National Command Authority	Term/phrase	FEMA

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NCAS	National Cyber Alert System	DHS Program	S&T
NCBFAA	National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America	Private Sector Ass'n	CBP
NCD	National Council on Disability	Private Sector Ass'n	CRCL
NCDDM	National Center for Disaster Decision Making	Private Sector	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
NCEH	National Center for Environmental Health	Private Sector	NPPD, FEMA, S&T
NCFPD	National Center for Food Protection and Defense	DHS Program	S&T
NCFS	National Center for Forensic Science	Private Sector	CNE
NCIC	National Crime Information Center	Federal Gov't	CBP, FEMA
NCIS	Naval Criminal Investigative Service	DOD Program	I&A, PLCY/SCO, PRIV, ICE
NCIT	National Council on International Trade	International	CBP
NCIX	Office of National Counterintelligence Executive	DNI Program	I&A
NCLIS	National Commission on Libraries and Information Science	Federal Gov't	S&T
NCMEC	National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	Federal Gov't	ICE
NCP	National Continuity Programs (FEMA/NCP)	DHS subcomponent	ALL
NCPC	National Capitol Planning Commission	State or Local Gov't	FEMA/NCRC
NCPC	National Crime Prevention Council	Private Sector	FEMA
NCR	National Capitol Region	State or Local Gov't	FEMA/NCRC
NCRC	National Capitol Region Coordination (FEMA/NCRC)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
NCS	National Communications System	DHS Program	NPPD/CS&C, I&A, FEMA
NCSC	National Cybersecurity Center	DHS Component	ALL

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NCSD	National Cybersecurity Division	DHS Program	NPPD/CS&C, S&T, I&A
NCSL	National Council of State Legislators	State or Local Gov't	NPPD/IGP
NCSLLET	Nat'l Center for State & Local Law Enforcement Training, Advisory Committee to the	DHS Committee	FLETC
NCSP	National Cyber Security Partnership	Federal Gov't	NPPD/CS&C, OGC
NCTC	National Counterterrorism Center	DNI Program	ALL
NCUA	National Credit Union Administration	Federal Gov't	FEMA, MGMT
NCVIP	National Child Victim Identification Program	Federal Gov't	USSS
NDC	National Data Center	Federal Gov't	CBP
N-DEX	[Law Enforcement] National Data Exchange	State or Local Gov't	OPS, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
NDIA	National Defense Industrial Association	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T, NPPD/IP
NDIC	National Drug Intelligence Center	Facility	CNE
NDMS	National Disaster Medical System	DHS Program	FEMA, I&A
NDPO	National Domestic Preparedness Office	DHS Program	NPPD
NDTA	National Defense Transportation Association	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
NDW	Naval District of Washington	DOD Division	COS
NEDCTP	National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program	DHS Program	TSA
NEDSS	National Electronic Disease Surveillance System	HHS Program	I&A
NEG	National Emergency Grant	DHS Program	FEMA, USCG
NEMA	National Emergency Management Association	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA, FLETC
NEMBCAP	National Emergency Management Baseline Capability Assessment Program	DHS Program	FEMA

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NEMIS	National Emergency Management Information System	DHS Program	PRIV, FEMA
NENA	National Emergency Number Association	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA
NEP	National Exercise Program	DHS Program	FEMA
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	Legislation	FEMA, OGC, S&T
NERC	North American Electric Reliability Council	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA, NPPD
NERR	National Emergency Resource Registry	DHS Program	PLCY/PSO
NEST	Nuclear Emergency Search Team	DHS Program	FEMA, DNDO
NETC	National Emergency Training Center	DHS Program	FEMA
NEXS	National Exercise Schedule	DHS Program	S&T, FEMA
NFA	National Fire Academy, Board of Visitors for the	DHS Committee	FEMA/USFA
NFC	National Finance Center	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCHCO
NFDA	National Flood Determination Association	State or Local Gov't	FEMA
NFDA	National Funeral Directors Association	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA
NFFE	National Federation of Federal Employees	Private Sector Ass'n	MGMT
NFFF	National Fallen Firefighters Foundation	Private Sector	FEMA/USFA
NFIB	National Foreign Intelligence Board	International	MGMT/OCISO, I&A, PLCY/OIA
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program	Private Sector	FEMA
NFIP	National Foreign Intelligence Program	Federal Gov't	I&A
NFIRS	National Fire Incident Reporting System	DHS Program	FEMA/USFA
NFOP	National Fugitive Operations Program	Federal Gov't	ICE
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association	Private Sector	FEMA/USFA, S&T

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NFPE	National Fire Protection Equipment	Equipment	FEMA/USFA, S&T
NFSC	Narcotics Financing Strategy Center	Federal Gov't	CNE
NFTS	National File Tracking System (replaced RAFACS)	DHS Program	USCIS, CBP, ICE, PLCY/SCO, PRIV, I&A
NGA	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency	DOD Program	ALL
NGA	National Governors Association	State or Local Gov't	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
NGIC	National Ground Intelligence Center [Army]	DOD Program	I&A
NGO	Non-Government Organization	Private Sector	FEMA, PLCY/PSO
NHC	National Hurricane Center	Federal Gov't	FEMA
NHTSA	National Highway Transportation Safety Administration	Federal Gov't	TSA, FEMA
NIAC	NASA Institute for Advanced Concepts	Federal Gov't	S&T
NIAC	National Infrastructure Advisory Council	DHS Committee	PLCY/HSAC, NPPD/IP, I&A
NIAC	National Iranian American Council	Private Sector	CRCL
NIBRS	National Incident Based Reporting System	State or Local Gov't	CBP, TSA, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
NIC	National Intelligence Council	DNI Program	I&A
NIC	NIMS Integration Center	DHS Program	FEMA
NIC	National Integration Center		
NICC	National Infrastructure Coordination Center	Facility	NPPD/IP, I&A
NICCP	National Interdiction Command & Control Plan	DHS Program	CNE
NICS	National Instant Background Check System	Federal Gov't	CBP, TSA, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
NID	National Intelligence Director (see correct DNI)		

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NIEM	National Information Exchange Model	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
NIEOC	National Interagency Emergency Operations Center	Federal Gov't	FEMA, NPPD
NIFCC	National Interagency Fire Coordination Center	Federal Gov't	FEMA
NIH	National Institutes of Health	HHS Program	ALL
NIHS	National Institute for Hometown Security	Private Sector	S&T
NII	Non-Intrusive Inspection	Term/phrase	CBP
NIIS	Non-Immigrant Information System	DHS Program	CBP
NIITP	National Investigative Interview Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
NIJ	National Institute of Justice	DOJ Program	S&T
NIMA	National Imagery and Mapping Agency (see NGA)	Federal Gov't	CBP
NIMCAST	National Incident Management Compliance Assurance Tool	DHS Program	FEMA
NIMS	National Incident Management System	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	Private Sector	FEMA, S&T
NIPC	National Infrastructure Protection Center	DHS Program	FEMA, PRE/IP, I&A
NIPF	National Intelligence Priority Framework	DHS Program	NPPD/IP, I&A
NIPP	National Infrastructure Protection Plan	DHS Program	NPPD/IP
NIPS	Numerically Integrated Profiling System	DHS Program	ICE/INV, CBP, PRIV
NIRT	Nuclear Incident Response Team	DOE Program	FEMA, DNDO
NISAC	National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center	DHS Program	S&T, NPPD/RMA
NISP	National Industrial Security Program	DOD Program	PLCY/PSO
<b>NIST</b>	<b>National Institute of Standards and Technology</b>	<b>DOC Program</b>	<b>S&amp;T, I&amp;A</b>

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NIUSR	National Institute for Urban Search and Rescue	Private Sector	FEMA
NIVS	Non-immigrant Visa System	DOS Program	I&A, USCIS, PLCY/SCO
NJTTF	National Joint Terrorism Task Force	DHS Program	I&A
NLETS	National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System	Equipment	FEMA, USCG, I&A
NLRB	National Labor Relations Board	Federal Gov't	MGMT
NLT	No later than	Term/phrase	Common
NMB	National Mediation Board	Federal Gov't	OGC, S&T
NMCC	National Military Command Center	DOD Facility	FEMA, USCG
NMIC	National Maritime Intelligence Center	Facility	USCG, CBP
NMRS	National Medical Response System	Federal Gov't	FEMA
NMRT	National Medical Response Team	Federal Gov't	FEMA
NMSAC	National Maritime Security Advisory Committee	DHS Committee	USCG
NMSP	National Maritime Security Plan	DHS Program	USCG
NMSRA	National Maritime Strategic Risk Assessment	DHS Program	USCG, NPPD/RMA
NMTSP	National Marine Transportation Security Plan	DHS Program	USCG
NNO	National Night Out	Private Sector	OPA
NNSA	National Nuclear Security Administration	DOE Program	ALL
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	DOC Program	ALL
NOBLE	National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA, CRCL
NOC	National Operations Center (OPS/NOC) [formerly the HSOC]	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
NOID	Notice of Intent to Deny	Document	USCIS
NORAD	North American Aerospace Defense Command	International	DNDO
NORTHCOM	U.S. Northern Command	DOD Division	FEMA, USCG

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NOSAC	National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee	DHS Committee	USCG
NP	National Preparedness (FEMA/NP)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
NPES	National Planning and Execution System	DHS Program	OPS
NPLA	National Preparedness Leadership Academy	Private Sector	FEMA
NPOC	Next Port of Call	Term/phrase	CBP, USCG
NPPD	National Protection and Programs Directorate	DHS Component & Directorate	ALL
NPRA	National Petrochemical & Refiners Association	Private Sector Ass'n	PLCY/PSO
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [see also ANPRM and SNPRM]	Document	OGC, TSA
NPS	National Pharmaceutical Stockpile, or National Park Service	Federal Gov't	FEMA
NPSC	National Processing Service Center	Facility	FEMA
NPSTC	National Public Safety Telecommunications Council	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA, S&T
NRAT	National Radiological Advisory Team	Private Sector	FEMA, DNDO, S&T
NRC	National Records Center	Federal Gov't	ICE
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission	Federal Gov't	ALL
NRCC	National Response Coordination Center	Facility	FEMA
NRF	National Response Framework [supersedes NRP]	DHS Program	FEMA
NRP	National Response Plan [see NRF]	DHS Program	FEMA
NRPC	National Railway Passenger Commission	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
NSA	National Security Agency	DOD Program	ALL
NSA	National Sheriffs Association	Local Gov't Ass'n	NPPD/IGP
NSA	Network Security Agreement	Term/phrase	

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NSABB	National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity	HHS Program	S&T
NSAC	Navigation Safety Advisory Council	DHS Committee	USCG
NSBC	National Safe Boating Council	Private Sector	USCG
NSC	National Security Council	Federal Gov't	ALL
NSC	National Security Cutter	Equipment	USCG
NSDI	National Spatial Data Infrastructure	Federal Gov't	I&A
NSEERS	National Security Entry Exit Registration System	DHS Program	CBP, CRCL, I&A
NSF	National Science Foundation	Federal Gov't	FEMA, S&T
NSHS	National Strategy for Homeland Security	Document	NPPD
NSPD	National Security Presidential Directive	Federal Gov't	ALL
NSPS	National Security Personnel System	Federal Gov't	OGC
NSRV	National Security and Records Verification (USCIS/NSRV)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
NSS	National Security Strategy	Document	NPPD
NSSA	National Safe Skies Alliance	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
NSSE	National Special Security Event	Term/phrase	NPPD, USSS, S&T
NSTAC	National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee	Federal Gov't	NPPD/CS&C, PLCY/HSAC
NSTC	National Science & Technology Council	Private Sector	S&T
NTA	National Technology Alliance	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
NTA	Notice to Appear	Term/phrase	ICE, OLA, USCG
NTAC	National Threat Assessment Center	DHS Program	USSS, I&A
NTC	National Targeting Center	Facility	CBP, I&A
NTEU	National Treasury Employees Union	Private Sector Ass'n	MGMT, OGC
NTIA	National Telecommunications and Information	Federal Gov't	FEMA, PRIV

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	Administration		
NTNFC	National Technical Nuclear Forensics Center	Facility	DNDO
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board	Federal Gov't	ALL
NTSRA	National Transportation Sector Risk Assessment	DHS Program	TSA, NPPD/RMA
NTVRP	Non-Tank Vessel Response Plan	DHS Program	USCG
NUL	National Urban League	Private Sector Ass'n	NPPD/IGP
NUSRS	National Urban Search and Rescue System, Advisory Committee of the	DHS Committee	FEMA
NVFC	National Volunteer Fire Council	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA/USFA
NVG	Night Vision Goggles	Equipment	ICE, CBP
NVIC	Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular	Document	USCG
NVL	Night Vision Laboratory	Facility	USSS
NVMC	National Vessel Movement Center	Facility	USCG, I&A
NVOAD	National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters	DHS Program	FEMA
NVTSA	Night Vision Technology Safety Act	Legislation	S&T
NWCG	National Wildfire Coordinating Group	DOI Program	FEMA
NWS	National Weather Service	Federal Gov't	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
OAD	Operations Analysis Division (S&T/OAD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OAO	Office of Aviation Operations	DHS Program	TSA
OAS	Organization of American States	Foreign	FEMA, PLCY/OIA
OASIS	Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards	Private Sector Ass'n	I&A
OAWG	Organizational Attack Working Group	DHS Program	TSA

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OBP	Border Patrol, Office of (CBP/OBP)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OCAO	Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (MGMT/OCAO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OCC	Office of the Controller of Currency	Federal Gov't	FEMA, NPPD
OCDETF	Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force	DHS Program	CNE, ICE, USCG
OCFO	Office of the Chief Financial Officer (MGMT/OCFO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OCHCO	Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (MGMT/OCHCO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OCIO	Office of the Chief Information Officer (MGMT/OCIO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OCIPEP	Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness	DHS Program	NPPD/IP
OCPO	Office of the Chief Procurement Officer (MGMT/CPO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OCS	Officer Candidate School	DOD Program	USCG
OCS	Outer Continental Shelf	Term/phrase	FEMA
OCSO	Office of the Chief Security Officer (MGMT/OCSO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OCTAVE	Operationally Critical Threat, Asset, and Vulnerability Evaluation	DHS Program	NPPD/RMA
ODIS	Offshore Detection Integrated System	Equipment	DNDO
ODP	Office for Domestic Preparedness	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD
ODRO	Office of Detention and Removal Operations	DHS Program	ICE
ODS	Operation Desert Safeguard	DHS Program	CBP
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development	Private Sector	USSS
OEP	Occupant Emergency Plan	DHS Program	FEMA/COOP
OFAC	Office of Foreign Assets Control	DHS Program	CBP

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OFO	Field Operations, Office of (CBP/OFO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OGC	General Counsel, Office of the	DHS Component	ALL
OHA	Health Affairs, Office of	DHS Component	ALL
OHS	Office of Homeland Security (now HSC)	Former	
OIA	International Affairs, Office of (ICE/OIA)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OIA	International Affairs, Office of (PLCY/OIA)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OIC	Office of Interoperability & Compatibility	DHS Program	S&T
OIC	Officer-in-Charge	Title	USCG, FEMA
OIE	Office of International Enforcement	DHS Program	I&A, USCG, USSS, USCIS, ICE
OIG	Inspector General, Office of	DHS Component	ALL
OIM	Office of Incident Management	DHS Program	FEMA, S&T
OIRA	Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs	OMB Program	MGMT, PRIV
OIS	Immigration Statistics, Office of (PLCY/OIS)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OIWG	Operational Intelligence Working Group	DHS Program	I&A
OJT	On the Job Training	Term/phrase	FEMA, MGMT
OLA	Office of Legislative Affairs	DHS Component	ALL
OLAW	Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare	HHS Program	S&T
OLE/FAMS	Law Enforcement, Office of/Federal Air Marshal Service (TSA/OLE/FAMS)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OMB	Office of Management and Budget	Federal Gov't	ALL
ONCIX	see NCIX		
ONDCP	Office of National Drug Control Policy	Federal Gov't	ALL

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ONRA	Office of National Risk Assessment	DHS Program	TSA
OOC	Office of Citizenship	DHS Program	USCIS
OPA	Office of Public Affairs	DHS Component	ALL
OPA	Oil Pollution Act	Legislation	FEMA
OPDAT	Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training	DOJ Program	FLETC
OPF	Official Personnel Folder	Document	OCHCO
OPM	Office of Personnel Management	Federal Gov't	ALL
OPO	Protective Operations (USSS/OPO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OPPRE	Operation Predator	DHS Program	ICE
OPR	Protective Research, Office of (USSS/OPR)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OPS	Operations	Term/phrase	Common
OPS	Operations Coordination, Office of	DHS Component	ALL
OPS (former)	Office of Private Sector Liaison (formerly PSL)		
OPSEC	Operations Security	DHS Program	ALL
OPSUM	Operations Summary	Term/phrase	OPS
ORIA	Office of Radiation and Indoor Air	EPA Program	DNDO
ORISE	Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education	Private Sector	S&T
ORNL	Oak Ridge National Laboratory	Facility	DNDO
OSARP	On-Screen Alarm Resolution Protocol	Term/phrase	TSA
OSC	Operation Safe Commerce	DHS Program	CBP
OSC	Operations Support Center	Facility	FEMA
OSC	Operations Systems Center	DHS Program	USCG
OSCE	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe	Foreign	PLCY/OIA
OSD	Office of the Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)	DOD Division	
OSDBU	Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization	DHS Program	MGMT/OCPO

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OSEP	Office of Safety and Environmental Programs	DHS Program	MGMT
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	Federal Gov't	FEMA
OSO	Security Operations, Office of (TSA/OSO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OSP	Strategic Plans, Office of (PLCY/OSP)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OSS	Officer Safety and Survival Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
OSTP	Office of Science and Technology Policy	Federal Gov't	FEMA
OT	International Trade, Office of (CBP/OT)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
OTBE	Overtaken by events	Term/phrase	Common
OTE	Operational Test & Evaluation	Term/phrase	TSA, I&A
OTH	Over the Horizon	Term/phrase	USCG
OTR	Office of Trade Relations	DHS Program	CBP
OTSP	Office of Transportation Security Policy	DHS Program	TSA
OTVP	Office of Transportation Vetting and Credentialing	DHS Program	TSA, I&A, PRIV, PLCY/SCO
OVP	Office of the Vice President	Federal Gov't	ALL
OWMD	Office of Weapons of Mass Destruction	DHS Program	S&T
PACAREA	Pacific Area	Term/phrase	USCG
PACOM	U.S. Pacific Command	DOD Program	FEMA, USCG
PAES	Private Aircraft Enforcement System	DHS Program	CBP, TSA, I&A, PRIV, PLCY/SCO
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization	Foreign	FEMA
PALS	Portable Automated Lookout System	Equipment	CBP, I&A, PRIV, PLCY/SCO
PANYNJ	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	State or Local Gov't	S&T
PAO	Public Affairs Officer	Title	FEMA, OPA
PAO	Public Assistance Officer	Title	FEMA

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PAPD	Port Authority Police Department	State or Local Gov't	S&T, USCG
PARADE	Prevention, Advocacy, Resources and Data Exchange	State or Local Gov't	NPPD/IGP
PART	Program Assessment Rating Tool	Federal Gov't	I&A
PAS	Presidential Appointment with Senate Confirmation	Title	SEC/WHL, MGMT/OCHCO
PASS	Performance Accountability and Standards System	DHS Program	TSA
PATF	Practical Applications Training Facility	DHS Program	FLETC
PATRIOT	(see USA PATRIOT [Act])	Legislation	OGC
PAWSA	Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment	DHS Program	USCG, NPPD/RMA
PCC	Policy Coordination Committee	DHS Program	FEMA, I&A, PLCY, SEC
PCERT	Preliminary Computer Evidence Recovery Training	DHS Program	USSS
PCII	Protected Critical Infrastructure Information	Term/phrase	NPPD/IP, I&A
PCIIMS	PCII Management System	DHS Program	NPPD/IP
PCLOB	Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board	Federal Gov't	CRCL, I&A
PD	Police Department	State or Local Gov't	FEMA
PDA	Preliminary Damage Assessment	Term/phrase	FEMA
PDD	Presidential Decision Directive	Term/phrase	FEMA, ESEC, I&A
PDEV	Policy Development, Office of (PLCY/PDEV)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
PDF	Portable Document Format	Term/phrase	FEMA, MGMT/OCIO
PDM	Pre-disaster Mitigation	Term/phrase	FEMA
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit	Term/phrase	FEMA, OHA
PEP	Prepositioned Equipment Program	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
PEP	Primary Entry Point	Term/phrase	FEMA

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PFO	Principal Federal Official	Title	NPPD
PFPA	Pentagon Force Protection Agency	DOD Program	FLETC
PHILIS	Portable High-Throughput Integrated Laboratory Identification System	DHS Program	S&T
PIA	Privacy Impact Assessment	DHS Program	PRIV, I&A
PIADC	Plum Island Animal Disease Center	DHS Program	S&T
PIN	Personal Identification Number	Term/phrase	Common
PIO	Public Information Officer	Title	FEMA, OPA
PIV	Personal Identity Verification	DHS Program	MGMT, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
PLA	Principal Legal Advisor	Title	ICE
PLCY	Office of Policy	DHS Component	ALL
PLOTS	Passport Lookout Tracking System	DOS Program	I&A, CBP, PRIV, PLCY/SCO
PLUMIS	See PIADC (Plum Island)	DHS Program	S&T
PMIS	Performance Measurement Information System	Equipment	TSA
PMO	Program Management Office	DHS Program	MGMT
PNNL	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	DOE Program	S&T
PNR	Passenger Name Record	Document	TSA
PNSP	Project on National Security Reform	Private Sector Ass'n	MGMT, NPPD, FEMA
PO (see PRIV)			
POC	Point of Contact	Term/phrase	ALL
POD	Point of Departure or Point of Distribution	Term/phrase	FEMA
POE	Port of Entry or Point of Entry	Facility	CBP, FEMA, USCG
POGO	Project on Government Waste	Private Sector Ass'n	OIG, PRIV/FOIA
POV	Privately-owned Vehicle	Term/phrase	FEMA
PP5	Pilot Program Airports (San Francisco, Kansas City, Rochester, Jackson Hole &	DHS Program	TSA

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PPB	Plans, Programs and Budget	DHS Program	S&T
PPBE	Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO
PPBM	Positive Passenger Baggage Match	Term/phrase	TSA
PPBS	Planning, Programming and Budgeting System	Term/phrase	I&A
PPDS	Pre-Positioned Disaster Supplies	DHS Program	FEMA
PPE	Pay Period Ending	Term/phrase	FEMA, MGMT
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment	Equipment	FEMA
PPI	Port Partnership Initiative	DHS Program	DNDO
PPI	Progressive Policy Institute	Private Sector	PRIV
PPN	Passport Number	Term/phrase	CBP, USCG
PPO	Preferred Provider Organizations	Document	MGMT
PPQ	Plant Protection and Quarantine	USDA Program	CBP
PRC	Peoples Republic of China	Foreign	PLCY/OIA
PRC	Permanent Resident Card	Document	USCIS, CBP, PLCY/SCO
PRC	Postal Rate Commission	USPS Division	
PRC	Presidential Reserve Call-up	DHS Program	FEMA
PRD	Personal Radiation Detection Device	Equipment	CBP
PRIV	Office of the Chief Privacy Officer	DHS Component	ALL
PRND	Preventative Radiological and Nuclear Detection	DHS Program	DNDO
PROFLOW	Procedural Flow	Term/phrase	
PROTECT	Program for Response Options and Technology Enhancements for Chemical/Biological Terrorism	DHS Program	FEMA, S&T
PSA	Patient Staging Area	Facility	FEMA
PSA	Port Security Assessment	DHS Procedure	USCG
PSA	Public Service Announcement	Term/phrase	FEMA, OPA

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PSAMS	Personnel Security Activity Management System	DHS Program	MGMT/OCSO
PSAT	Protective Security Assistance Teams	DHS Program	NPPD
PSD	Protective Security Division	DHS Program	NPPD
PSGP	Port Security Grant Program	DHS program	FEMA/G&T, USCG
PSI	Pounds per square inch	Term/phrase	FEMA
PSI	Proliferation Security Initiative	DHS Program	CBP
PSIC	Public Safety Interoperable Communications	DHS Program	NPPD, FEMA
PSL (see PSO)	Formerly [Office of] Private Sector Liaison (PSO—in PLCY as of October 2005)		
PSO	Private Sector [Liaison] Office (PLCY/PSO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
PSOTP	Protective Security Operations Training Program	DHS Program	FLETC
PST	Pacific Standard Time	Term/phrase	Common
PSTN	Public Switch Telephone Network	Equipment	FEMA/COOP
PSU	Port Security Unit	Equipment	USCG
PTI	Positive Threat Identification	Term/phrase	TSA
PVA	Port Vulnerability Assessment	DHS Program	USCG
PVTSAC	Private Sector Senior Advisory Committee	DHS Committee	PLCY/HSAC
PWD	Persons with Disabilities	Term/phrase	TSA, CRCL, FEMA
Q&A	Questions and answers	Term/phrase	ALL
QFR	Questions for the Record	Term/phrase	OLA
R&D	Research and Development	Term/phrase	Common
RAA	Radiological Accident Assessment	Term/phrase	FEMA, DNDO
RAA	Regional Airline Association	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
RAD	Radiation-Absorbed Dose	Term/phrase	FEMA, DNDO
RAD	Radiological	Term/phrase	FEMA, DNDO, S&T
RADNUC	Radiological/ Nuclear Enforcement	Term/phrase	S&T, DNDO

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RAFACS	Receipt and Alien File Accountability and Control System (see NFTS)		
RAIC	Resident Agent in Charge	Title	ICE, USSS
RAIO	Refugee, Asylum & International Operations (USCIS/RAIO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
RAMCAP	Risk Analysis and Management for Critical Asset Protection	DHS Program	NPPD/IP, NPPD/RMA
RAP	Risk Assessment Policy	DHS Program	MGMT
RAPID	Risk Assessment Process for Informed Decision Making	DHS Program	NPPD/RMA
RAPS	Refugees, Asylum and Parole System	DHS Program	USCIS
RCC	Rescue Coordination Center	Facility	FEMA, USCG
RDBMS	Relational Database Management System	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
RDCD	Rapidly Deployable Chemical Detection	Equipment	S&T
RDD	Radiological Dispersal Device	Equipment	FEMA, DNDO, S&T
RDT&E	Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation	Term/phrase	S&T
REAC	Radiation or Radiological Emergency Assistance Center	Facility	FEMA, DNDO
READI	Response to Emergencies and Disasters Institute	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
REAL ID	Real Identification	DHS Program	PLCY/SCO, PRIV
REC	Regional Examination Center	Facility	USCG
RECS	Radiological Emergency Communications System	DHS Program	FEMA, DNDO, OPA
REDCAP	Readiness and Capability Exercise	DHS Program	FEMA
REOC	Regional Emergency Operations Center	Facility	FEMA
RERT	Radiological Emergency Response Team	EPA Program	DNDO
RFI	Radio Frequency Interference	Term/phrase	FEMA
RFI	Request for information	Term/phrase	FEMA

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RFID	Radio Frequency Identification	Term/phrase	TSA, CBP, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
RFP	Request for Proposal	Term/phrase	FEMA, MGMT, S&T
RFQ	Request for Quote	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCPO, I&A
RHA	Reduced Hazard Ammunition	Equipment	FLETC
RHA	Regional Health Administrator	Title	FEMA
RHA	Rural Housing Agency	State or Local Gov't	FEMA
RICCS	Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System	DHS Program	FEMA, OPA
RICO	Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization	Term/phrase	ICE
RIID	Radiation Isotope Identifier Device	Equipment	CBP
RIJAN	Regional Information Joint Awareness Network	State or Local Gov't	NPPD/IP, OPS, DNDO
RISS or RISSNET	Regional Information Sharing System	DHS Program	NPPD/IGP
RMA	Risk Management and Analysis, Office of (NPPD/RMA)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
RMAT	Risk Management Assessment Tool	DHS Program	TSA, NPPD/RMA
RMSI	Regional Maritime Security Initiative	DHS Program	USCG
RNCSAA	Radiological & Nuclear Countermeasure System Architectures Analysis	DHS Program	S&T
RNCTEC	Radiological/Nuclear Countermeasures Test & Evaluation Complex	Facility	DNDO
ROC	Regional Operations Center	Facility	FEMA
ROI	Report of Investigation	Term/phrase	ICE, DNDO
RON	Remain Overnight	Term/phrase	Common
ROTHR	Relocatable Over the Horizon Radar	Equipment	CNE

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RPM	Radiation Portal Monitor	Equipment	USCG, CBP, DNDO
RPPO	Radiological Pilot Program Office	DHS Program	DNDO
RPV	Remotely Piloted Vehicle	Equipment	CBP, ICE, EPR
RRCC	Regional Response Coordination Center	Facility	FEMA
RRT	Regional Response Team	Term/phrase	FEMA
RSAT	Risk Self Assessment Tool (formerly VISAT)	DHS Program	NPPD/RMA
RTAP	Rapid Technology Application Program	DHS Program	S&T
RTI	Regional Technology Integration	DHS Program	MGMT/OCIO, USCG
S&T	Science and Technology	DHS Component & Directorate	ALL
S-60	DOT Office of Intelligence Security	DOT Division	
SA	Salvation Army	Private Sector	FEMA
SA	Special Agent	Title	
SABA	Supplied Air Breathing Apparatus	Equipment	FEMA
SABT	Special Agent Bomb Technician	Title	
SAC	Special Agent in Charge	Title	ICE, FEMA, FBI
SAFE	Screening Applied Fairly and Equitably [to truckers]	DHS Program	TSA
SAFE	Secure All-around Flotation Equipped	Equipment	USCG
SAFE	Security and Accountability for Every Port	DHS Program	USCG
SAFE TEA	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act	Legislation	USCG, TSA
SAFECOM	Safe Community	DHS Program	S&T
SAFER	Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response	DHS Program	FEMA/G&T
SAFETY ACT	Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act (2002)	Legislation	S&T

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SAFTI	Secure and Facilitated International Travel Initiative	DHS Program	CBP, TSA
SAIC	Science Applications International Corporation	Private Sector	FEMA, MGMT/OCPO, MGMT/OCIO
SAIC	Special Agent in Charge	Title	USSS
SAIL	Secure Automobile Inspection Lanes	DHS Program	TSA
SAM	Surface to Air Missile	Equipment	TSA
SANS	Ship Arrival Notification System	DHS Program	USCG, I&A
SAO	Security Advisory Opinions	DHS Program	USCIS, CBP
SAO	State Approving Officer	Title	FEMA
SAR	Search and Rescue	Term/phrase	FEMA
SAR	Special Access Required	Term/phrase	FEMA
SAR	Suspicious Activity Report	Document	I&A, ICE
SAREX	Search and Rescue Exercise	Term/phrase	FEMA, USCG
SARS	Security Activities Reporting System	DHS Program	MGMT/OCSO
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome	Term/phrase	USCIS
SAV	Site Assistance Visit	Term/phrase	NPPD/IP, FEMA, NPPD/RMA
SAVE	Systematic Alien Verification Entitlements	DHS Program	USCIS
SAVI	Suspect and Violator Indices	DOS Program	CBP, ICE, USCIS, I&A
SBA	Shared Border Accord	Document	CBP, USCG
SBA	Small Business Administration	Federal Gov't	ALL
SBCCOM	Soldier and Biological Chemical Command (U.S. Army)	DOD Program	FEMA
SBD	Smart Border Declaration	Document	CBP
SBD	Strategic Policy and Budget Division (S&T/SBD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
SBI	Secure Border Initiative	DHS Program	CBP
SBINET	Secure Border Initiative Network	Equipment	CBP
SBIR	Small Business Innovation Research	DHS Program	S&T

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SBU	Sensitive But Unclassified	Term/phrase	ALL
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System	DHS Program	S&T, I&A
SCC	Secretary's Command Center	Facility	
SCEPC	Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee	DHS Program	FEMA
SCI	Sensitive Compartmented Information	Term/phrase	ALL
SCIF	Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility	Facility	FEMA, I&A, USSS
SCO	Screening Coordination Office (PLCY/SCO)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
SCP	Security Control Point	Facility	TSA
SD	Security Directive	Term/phrase	
SEAR	Special Events Assessment Rating	DHS Program	OPS, NPPD/RMA
SEC	Secretary, Office of the	DHS	ALL
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission	Federal Gov't	ALL
SECURE	Strategic Communications Resources Effort	DHS Program	
SED	Shippers Export Declaration	Document	CBP
SEMA	State Emergency Management Agency	State or Local Gov't	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
SEMO	State Emergency Management Office	State or Local Gov't	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
SENTINEL	Securing the Nation through Infrastructure Enhancements Locally	DHS Program	NPPD/IP, NPPD/IGP
SENTRI	Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection	DHS Program	CBP, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
SEOC	State Emergency Operations Center	State or Local Gov't	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
SERRI	Southeast Region Research Initiative	DHS Program	S&T
SERT	State Emergency Response Team	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
SES	Senior Executive Service	Title	MGMT/OCHCO
SET	Source Evaluation Team	Title	TSA

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SETCP	Southeast Transportation Corridor Pilot	DHS Program	DNDO
SEVIS	Student and Exchange Visitor Information System	DHS Program	ICE, PLCY/SCO, I&A, PRIV
SEVP	Student and Exchange Visitor Program	DHS Program	ICE
SFI	Secure Freight Initiative	DHS Program	CBP
SGTP	Society of Government Travel Professionals	Private Sector Ass'n	PLCY/PSO
SHARES	SHARed RESources	Private Sector	FEMA
SHIELD	Strategic Hazard Identification Evaluation for Leadership Decisions	DHS Program	NPPD/RMA
SHIRA	Strategic Homeland Infrastructure Risk Assessment	DHS Program	NPPD/IP, NPPD/RMA
SHSGP	State Homeland Security Grant Program	DHS program	FEMA/G&T
SHSI	Sensitive Homeland Security Information	Term/phrase	OPS/NOC
SIDA	Security Identification Display Area	Facility	TSA, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
SIGINT	Signals Intelligence	Term/phrase	PLCY/SCO, PRIV, OPS, NPPD/US-VISIT
SII	Security/Suitability Investigations Index	Federal Gov't	I&A
SIIA	Software and Information Industry Association	Private Sector Ass'n	PLCY/SCO, PRIV
SIO	Senior Infrastructure Officer	Title	MGMT/OCIO
SIOC	Strategic Information and Operations Center	Facility	I&A
SIPRNET	Secret Internet Protocol Router Network	Equipment	MGMT/OCSO, I&A, PLCY/OIA
SLFC	State and Local Fusion Center	DHS Program	I&A
SLGCP (see SLGC)	State and Local Government Coordination & Preparedness (now NPPD/IGP)	Former DHS Component	NPPD

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SLLE	State and Local Law Enforcement, Office for (PLCY/SLLE)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
SLSAC	State and Local Officials Senior Advisory Committee	DHS Program	PLCY/HSAC, NPPD/IGP
SME	Subject Matter Expert	Title	ALL
SMI	Safety Management Institute	DHS Program	FEMA
SMI	Smithsonian Institute	Private Sector	FEMA/NCRC
SMO	See OCSO		
SMU	Special Mission Unit	Facility	FEMA
SNJTK	Special Needs Jurisdiction Tool Kit	DHS Program	NPPD/RMA, FEMA
SNL	Sandia National Laboratory	Facility	S&T
SNM	Specific Nuclear Material	Term/phrase	DNDO
SNPRM	Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [see also ANPRM and NPRM]	Document	OGC
SNS	Strategic National Stockpile and National Disaster Medical System	Federal Gov't	FEMA, NPPD, OHA, OGC
SOC	Security Operations Center or State Operations Center	Facility	FEMA
SOCMA	Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association	Private Sector Ass'n	NPPD/IP
SOLAS	Safety of Life at Sea	Term/phrase	CBP, USCG
SONAR	Sound Navigation and Ranging	Term/phrase	USCG
SONS	Spill of National Significance	Term/phrase	FEMA, USCG
SOO	Statement of Objective	Document	ALL
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure	Term/phrase	Common
SOR	Statement of Requirements	Document	S&T
SORDS	Stand-off Radiation Detection System	Equipment	DNDO
SORN	System of Record Notice	Document	PLCY/SCO, PRIV, OGC, I&A
SOUTHCOM	Southern Command	DOD Program	TSA
SOW	Statement of Work	Document	ALL
SPAWAR	Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center	DOD Program	I&A, NPPD/IGP
SPD	Special Programs Division (S&T/SPD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL

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SPG	Senior Policy Group	DHS Program	FEMA/NCRC
SPG	Strategic Planning Guide	DHS Program	FEMA
SPIRIT	Security, Planning, and Integrated Resources for Information Technology	DHS Program	PLCY/PSO
SPOT	Screening of Passengers by Observation Techniques	DHS Program	TSA
SPOTREPS	Spot Reports	Term/phrase	OPS/NOC
SPP	Screening Partnership Program	DHS Program	TSA
SPP	Secure Passage Program	DHS Program	TSA
SPP	Security and Prosperity Partnership	DHS Program	PLCY/OIA, CNE, TSA
SPRL	Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory	USDA Program	OHA
SSA	Self Storage Association	Private Sector Ass'n	PLCY/PSO
SSA	Social Security Administration	Federal Gov't	ALL
SSAS	Strategic Sourcing and Acquisition Systems	DHS Program	MGMT/OCPO
SSCJ	San Diego Sector Command Center Joint	DHS Program	USCG
SSFSD	Secret Service Forensic Sciences Division	DHS Program	USSS
SSP	Sector Specific Plan	Term/phrase	NPPD/IP, FEMA
SSS	Selective Service System	DOD Division	
SSS	Small Structure Survey	Term/phrase	FEMA
STAC	Science and Technology Advisory Committee	DHS Program	S&T
STAR	Science-based Threat Analysis and Response Program	DHS Program	I&A, S&T
STAR	Strategic Threat and Action Report	Document	NPPD/RMA
STAR	Studies, Training, Analysis and Research	DHS Program	FEMA
START	Scientific and Technical Advisory and Response Team	DHS Program	S&T
START	Security Through Advanced Research & Technology	State or Local Gov't	S&T
STC	Secure the Cities	DHS Program	DNDO

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STCW	Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping [for Seafarers]	DHS Program	USCG
STE	Secure Telephone Equipment	Equipment	ALL
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	Term/phrase	S&T
STEP	Security Training Exercise Program	Term/phrase	USCG, TSA
STOP	Strategy for Targeting Organized Piracy	Federal Gov't	CBP
STQ	Screening Threshold Quantities	Term/phrase	NPPD
STR	Suspicious Transaction Report	Term/phrase	FLETC
STSC	Student and Schools System	DHS Program	TSA, CBP, USCIS, USCG
STU	Secure Telephone Unit	Equipment	ALL
SVSS	Small Vessel Security Strategy	Term/phrase	USCG
SVTC	Secure Video Teleconference	Term/phrase	
SVTS	Secured Video Teleconferencing System	Equipment	
SWAT	Special Weapons and Tactics	Team title	FEMA
SWGDE	Scientific Working Group on Digital Evidence	DHS Program	USSS
SWO	Senior Watch Officer	Title	OPS/NOC, FEMA, S&T
TACLET	Tactical Law Enforcement Team	DHS Program	USCG
TAFA	Terrorism and Foreign Assassination	Term/phrase	USSS
TAI	TSA Approved Instructor	Title	TSA
TARS	Tethered Aerostat Radar System	Equipment	ICE
TARS	Tone-Alert Radios	Equipment	FEMA
TAV	Total Asset Visibility	Term/phrase	FEMA
TAVISS	Targeted Violence Information Sharing System	Equipment	TSA
TBA	To be announced	Term/phrase	Common
TBD	To be determined	Term/phrase	Common
TBP	To be published	Term/phrase	OPA
TBR	Travel Business Roundtable	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA

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TCC	Transportable Communications Center	Equipment	FEMA, USCG
TCC	TSA Telephone Contact Center	DHS Program	TSA, CRCL
TCU	Threat Containment	Team title	FEMA
TCU	Transportation Coordination Unit	DHS Program	FEMA
TCU	Tribal Colleges and Universities	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T, CRCL
TDD	Telecommunications Device for the Deaf	Equipment	CRCL
TDI	see TDD		
TDIS	Traavel Document Issuance System	DOS Program	I&A, CBP, PRIV, PLCY/SCO, USCIS
TDY	Temporary duty	Term/phrase	Common
TECS	Treasury Enforcement Communications System	Federal Gov't	CBP, TSA, I&A
TEEX	Texas Engineering Extension Service	Private Sector	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
TENCAP	Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities	DOD Program	I&A
TEOAF	Treasury Executive Office of Asset Forfeiture	Federal Gov't	FLETC
TEU	Technical Escort Unit	DHS Program	FEMA
TEW	Terrorist Early Warning (Group)	DHS Program	FEMA, I&A, OPA
TFR	Temporary Flight Restriction	Term/phrase	USSS
TIA	Terrorism Information Awareness	DOD Program	DOD
TIARA	Tactical Intelligence and Related Activities	Term/phrase	I&A
TIB	Temporary Importation Bond	Document	CBP
TIC	Toxic Industrial Chemical	Term/phrase	NPPD/IP
TIC	Trusted Internet Connection	Term/phrase	NPPD/CS&C
TIDE	Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment	DNI Program	PLCY/SCO, PRIV, OGC, I&A
TIFF	Tagged Image File Format	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
TIH	Toxic Inhalation Hazard	Term/phrase	S&T, TSA
TIP	Threat Image Protection	DHS Program	TSA

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TIPOFF	Terrorism Information Program [database at DOS]	DOS Program	I&A, PLCY/SCO
TIPS	Terrorism Information and Prevention System	DHS Program	FEMA, I&A
TISP	The Infrastructure Security Partnership	Private Sector	PLCY/PSO, NPPD/IP
TLD	Thermo Luminescent Dosimeter	Equipment	FEMA
TNA	Training Needs Assessment	Term/phrase	FLETC
TNF	Technical Nuclear Forensics	DHS Program	DNDO
TOPOFF	Top Officials Exercise	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD
TPS	Temporary Protected Status	Term/phrase	USCIS, OGC
TRADE	Training Resources and Data Exchange	DHS Program	FEMA/USFA
TRAGIS	Transportation Routing Analysis Geographic Information System	DHS Program	NPPD/RMA
TRAM	Transit Risk Assessment Methodology	DHS Program	FEMA, NPPD/RMA
TRAVEL	Transportation Risk Assessment and Vulnerability Evaluation Tool	DHS Program	TSA, NPPD/RMA
TREAS	Department of the Treasury	Federal Gov't	ALL
TRIA	Terrorism Risk Insurance Act	Legislation	PLCY/PSO
TRIP	Transit (and) Rail Inspection Pilot	DHS Program	TSA
TRIP	Traveler Redress Inquiry Program	DHS Program	TSA
TRM	Technical Reference Model	DOD Program	I&A
TRO	Transitional Recovery Office	Facility	FEMA`
TRR	Test Readiness Review	Term/phrase	S&T
TS	Top Secret	Term/phrase	ALL
TSA	Transportation Security Administration	DHS Component	ALL
TSAC	Towing Safety Advisory Committee	DHS Committee	USCG
TSAR	Transportation Security Administration Representative	Title	TSA
TSARM	TSA Self-Assessment Risk Module	DHS Program	TSA
TSC	Terrorist Screening Center	Facility	TSA, CBP, I&A

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TSCC	Transportation Security Command Center	Facility	TSA
TSCM	Technical Security Countermeasure	Term/phrase	FEMA
TSCM	Technical Surveillance Countermeasures	Term/phrase	TSA
TSD	Test and Evaluation Standards Division (S&T/TSD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
TSDB	Terrorist Screening Database	Equipment	CBP, PLCY/SCO, I&A, PRIV
TSGP	Transit Security Grant Program	DHS Program	FEMA, TSA
TSIS	Transportation Security Intelligence Service	DHS Program	I&A, TSA
TSL	Transportation Security Laboratory	DHS Program	S&T, TSA
TSNM	Transportation Sector Network Management (TSA/TSNM)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
TSO	Transportation Security Officer	Title	TSA
TSOC	Transportation Security Operations Center	Facility	TSA
TSP	Thrift Savings Plan	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCHCO
TSPSOC	Telecommunications Service Priority/System Oversight Committee	DHS Committee	FEMA, NPPD/CS&C
TSSP	Transportation Sect Specific Plan	Term/phrase	TSA
TSWG	Technical Support Working Group	Federal Gov't	FEMA
TT&E	Test, Training and Exercise	DHS Program	FEMA
TTAC	Terrorist Threat Assessment and Credentialing	DHS Program	TSA
TTD	see TDD	Equipment	CRCL
TTIC	Terrorist Threat Integration Center	DHS Program	I&A
TTP	Tactics, Techniques and Procedures	Term/phrase	I&A
TTWS	Terrorist Threat Warning System	DHS Program	OPS/NOC
TTX	Tabletop Exercise	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD/IGP

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TTY	see TDD	Equipment	CRCL
TUSCAN	TIPOFF U.S.-Canada	DOS Program	I&A, PLCY/SCO
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority	Federal Gov't	ALL
TVTA	Threat and Vulnerability, Testing and Assessment	DHS Procedure	S&T
TWIC	Transportation Worker Identification Credential	DHS Program	TSA, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
TWOV	Transit Without Visa Program	DHS program	TSA
TWPDES	Terrorist Watchlist Person Data Exchange Standard	Federal Gov't	I&A, PLCY/SCO
TWVP	(see TWOV)		
UASI	Urban Areas Security Initiative	DHS program	FEMA/NCRC, FEMA/GP
UAV	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (drone)	Term/phrase	FEMA, CBP
UCT	Universal Coordinated Time (see ZULU)	International	FEMA, S&T
UDA	Undocumented Aliens	Term/phrase	ICE
UEC	Unauthorized Entry into Cuban Territorial Waters	Term/phrase	USCG
UHF	Ultra High Frequency	Term/phrase	FEMA
UML	Unified Modeling Language	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A, PLCY/SCO
UMRA	Unfunded Mandates Reform Act [1995]	Legislation	OGC
UN	United Nations	Foreign	FEMA, PLCY/OIA
UPR	User Profile Record	Document	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
URL	Uniform Resource Locator	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, MGMT/OCIO, FEMA, I&A
US&R	see USAR		
US&R	Urban Search & Rescue (see also USAR)	DHS Program	FEMA
USA	U.S. Army	DOD Division	FEMA, USCG

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USA PATRIOT [Act]	Uniting & Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept & Obstruct Terrorism	Legislation	ALL
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	DOD Program	ALL
USAF	U.S. Air Force	DOD Division	FEMA, USCG
USAFAC	U.S. Air Force Academy	DOD Program	ICE
USAHA	U.S. Animal Health Association	Private Sector Ass'n	S&T
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development	Federal Gov't	ALL
USA-ITA	U.S. Association for Importers of Textiles and Apparel	Private Sector Ass'n	CBP
USAMRICD	U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense	DOD Program	FEMA, NPPD, S&T, OHA
USAMRIID	U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Disease	DOD Program	FEMA, NPPD, S&T, OHA
USAR	U.S. Army Reserve	DOD Program	FEMA
USAR	Urban Search and Rescue	Term/phrase	FEMA
USBP (see CBP)	U.S. Border Patrol		CBP
USC	United States Citizen	Title	CBP, USCIS
USC	United States Code	Document	FEMA, NPPD, I&A
USCAP	U.S. Civilian Aviation Partnership	Private Sector Ass'n	PLCY/PSO
US-CERT	United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team	DHS Program	NPPD/CS&C, I&A, S&T
USCG	United States Coast Guard	DHS Component	ALL
USCIS	United States Citizenship and Immigration Services	DHS Component	ALL
USCOLD	U.S. Committee on Large Dams	Private Sector	FEMA
USCS (see CBP)	United States Customs Service (now U.S. Customs and Border Protection)		
USCSCFAC	U.S. Customs Service COBRA Fees Advisory Committee	DHS Committee	CBP
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Federal Gov't	ALL
USFA	United States Fire Administration (FEMA/USFA)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL

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USFS	U.S. Forest Service	DOI Division	FEMA
USG	United States Government	Term/phrase	FEMA
USGS	United States Geological Survey	Federal Gov't	FEMA, NPPD
USIA	United States Information Agency	DOS Division	FEMA
USIC	United States Interdiction Coordinator	Title	CNE
USJFCOM	United States Joint Forces Command	DOD Division	FEMA, USCG
USMC	United States Marine Corps	DOD Division	FEMA, USCG
USMS	United States Marshals Service	DHS Program	CBP, ICE, TSA, FEMA
USN	United States Navy	DOD Division	FEMA, USCG
USNCB	United States National Central Bureau	DOJ Program	I&A
USNORTHCOM	see NORTHCOM		
USPHS	U.S. Public Health Service	HHS Division	FEMA, S&T
USPIS	U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Federal Gov't	NPPD
USPP	U.S. Park Police	Federal Gov't	FEMA/NCRC
USPS	United States Postal Service	Federal Gov't	ALL
USSS	United States Secret Service	DHS Component	ALL
USTR	United States Trade Representative	Federal Gov't	ALL
US-VISIT	U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (NPPD/US-VISIT)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
UTCP	Unified Tactical Communications Program	DHS Program	ALL
UUV	Unmanned Underwater Vehicle	Equipment	S&T
UWB	Ultra Wideband	Term/phrase	NPPD/US-VISIT
VA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	Federal Gov't	ALL
VACF	Vetted Anti-Counterfeiting Forces	DHS Program	USSS
VACIS	Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System	Equipment	CBP
VBIED	Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device	Equipment	S&T

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VCC	Venue Control Cell	Facility	FEMA
VGTOF	Violent Gangs Terrorist Organization File	DOJ Program	PLCY/SCO, I&A
VHA	Veterans Health Administration	Federal Gov't	FEMA, USCG
VIP	Very important person	term/phrase	Common
VIP	Volunteer Incentive Program	DHS Program	FEMA
VIPR	Visual Intermodal Protection and Response	DHS Program	TSA, S&T
VIPS	Volunteers in Police Service	Private Sector Ass'n	FEMA, NPPD/IGP
VISAT	Vulnerability Identification Self-Assessment Tool (now RSAT)	DHS Program	NPPD/RMA
VISIT	Visitor & Immigrant Status Indicator Technology	Equipment	USCIS, PLCY/SCO, CBP, TSA
VMAT	Veterinary Medical Assistance Team	DHS Program	FEMA, OPS
VOAD	Volunteer Organizations Active in a Disaster	Private Sector Ass'n	PLCY/PSO
VOIP	Voice Over Internet Protocol	Term/phrase	PLCY/SCO, I&A, PRIV, MGMT/OCIO, S&T
VOSS	Vessel of Opportunity Skimming System	DHS Program	USCG
VPN	Virtual Private Network	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
VSP	Visa Security Program	DHS Program	TSA
VSU	Visa Security Unit	DHS Program	ICE
VTC	Video Tele-Conference	Term/phrase	FEMA, OPA
VTs	Vessel Traffic Service	DHS Program	USCG
VWP	Visa Waiver Program	DOS Program	TSA, CBP, ICE
WACC	Weapons and Ammunition Commodity Council	DHS Program	USSS, USCG
WAN	Wide Area Network	Term/phrase	FEMA
WAWS	Washington Area Warning System	State or Local Gov't	FEMA/NCRC

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WCF	Working Capital Fund	Federal Gov't	MGMT/OCFO, MGMT/OCIO, I&A
WCO	World Customs Organization	International	CBP
WEF	World Economic Forum	International	PLCY/PSO
WGI	Within Grade Increase	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCHCO
WHL	White House Liaison Office (SEC/COS/WHL)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
WHO	White House Office	Federal Gov't	ALL
WHO	World Health Organization	Foreign	FEMA, NPPD, OHA, OGC
WHSR	White House Situation Room	Facility	FEMA, NPPD, I&A
WHTI	Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative	DHS Program	CBP, NPPD/US-VISIT, PLCY/SCO, PRIV
WIFLE	Women in Federal Law Enforcement	Private Sector Ass'n	MGMT/OCHCO, FLETC
WIN	Warrant Information Network	DOJ Program	PLCY/SCO, PRIV, I&A
WISE	Water Infrastructure Simulation Environment	DHS Program	NPPD/RMA
WLSP	Watch List Service Providers	Private Sector Ass'n	TSA
WMA	Washington Metropolitan Area	State or Local Gov't	FEMA/NCRC
WMATA	Washington Metropolitan Area Transport Authority	State or Local Gov't	FEMA/NCRC
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD, DNDO, S&T, I&A
WMDBD	WMD and Biodefense (OHA/WMDBD)	DHS Subcomponent	ALL
WMD-DAC	WMD Decision Analysis Center	DHS Program	S&T
WMDO-IM	Weapons of Mass Destruction Office & Incident Management	DHS Program	S&T
WMO	World Meteorological Organization	International	FEMA, NPPD

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WPM	Wood Packing Material	Term/phrase	CBP
WPS	Water Purification System	Equipment	FEMA
WPS	Wireless Priority Service	Private Sector	NPPD, I&A
WPT	Workforce Performance Training	DHS Program	TSA
WSDL	Web Services Description Language	Term/phrase	MGMT/OCIO, I&A
WTC	World Trade Center	Term/phrase	FEMA, II&A, NPPD, PLCY/PSO
WTO	World Trade Organization	International	FEMA, NPPD, I&A
XML	Extensible Markup Language	Term/phrase	I&A, MGMT/OCIO
ZULU	Indicates use of Universal Coordinated Time (Greenwich)	Term/phrase	FEMA, NPPD

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