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Speaker Biography

### Gregory P. Schaffer

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Gregory P. Schaffer serves as the Acting Deputy Under Secretary for the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD). In this role, Schaffer leads the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) integrated efforts to reduce risk across physical and cyber infrastructures. He oversees the coordinated operational and policy functions of the Directorate's subcomponents, which include: Cybersecurity and Communications (CS&C); Infrastructure Protection (IP); Federal Protective Service; Risk Management and Analysis (RMA); and the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program.

Prior to his selection as Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Mr. Schaffer was appointed by U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano as Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications on June 1, 2009. In that position, Mr. Schaffer worked within NPPD to lead the coordinated efforts of CS&C and its components, including the National Cyber Security Division, the Office of Emergency Communications, and the National Communications System. He engaged the public and private sectors as well as international partners to prepare for, prevent, and respond to catastrophic incidents that could degrade or overwhelm the nation's strategic cyber and communications infrastructure.

Prior to joining DHS, Mr. Schaffer served as senior vice president and chief risk officer for Alltel Communications LLC, where he had responsibility for logical security, physical security, internal and external investigations, fraud, law enforcement relations, privacy and regulatory compliance. From 2004-2007, Mr. Schaffer held a variety of senior positions at Alltel—including chief risk officer, chief security officer and chief information security officer.

Prior to joining Alltel, Schaffer was a director in PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, Cybercrime Prevention and Response Practice, where he developed and implemented computer forensic examinations in connection with major internal investigations at Fortune 500 companies. Previously, Mr. Schaffer served as a computer crime prosecutor in the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section at the U.S. Department of Justice from 1997-1999. Prior to joining the Justice Department, Mr. Schaffer was a partner with the law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips specializing in civil litigation related to computer technology issues. Mr. Schaffer holds a J.D. from the University of Southern California Law Center and a B.A. degree from the George Washington University.