



## Press Release

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### **DSG and State Department Partner to Track Incidents of Terrorism Worldwide**

Bethesda, Md. — The U.S. Department of State has selected Development Services Group, Inc. (DSG), and its partner, the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) at George Mason University, to build a counterterrorism annual reporting database and help the department prepare its annual Country Reports on Terrorism.

Congress requires the annual report on international terrorism, produced by the State Department's Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism. An important feature of the report is the Annex of Statistical Information, which contains a synthesis of terrorist acts worldwide.

Starting immediately, DSG and TraCCC—led by Ambassador Adam Blackwell, a DSG vice president, career diplomat, and security expert—will develop the counterterrorism annual reporting database to populate it with open-source information related to terrorist acts. They will also prepare the Annex of Statistical Information and assist with preparation of the Country Reports on Terrorism. The next report, concerning terrorist incidents in 2018, is due to Congress April 30, 2019.

“We are proud to be working with the State Department and the Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism on this important project,” said DSG President Marcia Cohen. “In selecting us to do this work, I think the State Department recognized the added value of DSG and TraCCC’s combined expertise in research and analysis, as well as our understanding of terrorist activity. This will certainly be reflected in the Annex of Statistical Information we will produce for State and Congress.”

**About DSG.** DSG is a small, woman-owned research and consulting firm headquartered in Bethesda, Md. Since its founding in 1977, it has been leading the way in finding, assessing, and applying what works in criminal and juvenile justice, security, violence prevention, behavioral health, and education, including the conduct of high-quality research on issues of an international scope. DSG is dedicated to providing clients with the highest-quality products and services in research and evaluation, training and technical assistance, management consulting, communications, and website and database development. Visit [www.dsgonline.com](http://www.dsgonline.com) for more.

**About TraCCC.** Founded and directed by Louise Shelley, Ph.D., TraCCC is the first center in the United States devoted to understanding the links among terrorism, transnational crime, and corruption and to teaching, researching, training, and helping formulate policy on these critical issues. TraCCC is a research center within the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. Visit <http://tracc.gmu.edu> for more.

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