

Former DHS Technology Chief Paul Benda Joins GSIS

Global Security & Intelligence Strategies (GSIS) has named Paul Benda, former Director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Advanced Research Projects Agency (HSARPA) and the Department's former Acting Deputy Under Secretary for the of Science and Technology Directorate, as Partner and Chief Technology Officer.

Mr. Benda will join other GSIS Partners including Mark Sullivan, former Director of the U.S. Secret Service; Noah Kroloff, former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, David Aguilar, former Acting Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Dennis K. Burke, former U.S. Attorney.

Mr. Benda will leverage his experience running HSARPA to assist clients in tailoring their offerings and identifying new applications that maximize the impact of their technologies to create an attractive return on investment profile for potential customers. He also brings a deep knowledge of the SAFETY Act to GSIS, having approved more applications for this protection than anyone in the nation's history when he led the program at DHS. Benda will apply his expertise in this arena by advising clients on the value of SAFETY Act protection and the process for attaining it.

"Paul has been on the cutting edge of security technologies at the highest levels of our homeland, defense and intelligence communities," said GSIS Partner David V. Aguilar. "His expertise and depth of knowledge will provide our clients with innovative opportunities to expand their technology across the security spectrum."

In addition to serving as Director of the Department of Homeland Security's research agency, Mr. Benda worked as Chief of Staff and Senior Counselor to the Under Secretary of Science and Technology. In these roles, he oversaw and executed SAFETY Act applications and approvals, enhancing security capabilities at prominent public venues, including sports stadiums, airports, ports, commercial facilities and urban transportation centers.

For Mr. Benda's complete bio, please visit: <http://gsis360.com/paul-benda/>

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