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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the DFW First Regional Coalition.

The financial sector is critically important to the infrastructure of the United States, and homeland security is the responsibility of both the government and the private sector. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is sponsoring a series of seminars around the country entitled, "Protecting the Financial Services Sector – A Public and Private Partnership," to discuss preparing for, managing and mitigating physical and cyber threats to financial institutions. One component of that program is the creation of Regional Coalitions. DFW First is one such organization.

Goals of the Regional Coalitions include working with state, county and local disaster management agencies to enhance the regional process for sharing information, and coordinating efforts to better prepare, mitigate, respond and recover from hazards that may threaten a region's financial services sector. The Regional Coalitions assist the financial sector in many ways. Benefits include early notification of potential situations that could result in implementation of emergency preparedness/business continuity plans, information on requirements for re-entry following an evacuation, including steps to obtain appropriate credentials to enter an area as soon as possible after an event, and the regular exchange of information regarding emergency plans with others.

We encourage financial institutions and other financial sector organizations to support DFW First, and request that you strongly consider the benefits of joining the organization.

Sincerely,

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Regional Director