

## Constellation/Automated Critical Asset Management System (C/ACAMS)

The Office of Protection and Security's (OPS) Infrastructure Information Collection Section is responsible for reducing Ohio's vulnerability to terrorism by implementing plans to protect critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR) and to deny their use as a weapon. Supporting this goal, OPS collects, catalogues and maintains standardized, quantifiable and risk-related infrastructure information to enable the execution of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security national risk management for critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR) for prioritizing data used by homeland security partners. A key component of the OPS is the **Constellation/Automated Critical Asset Management System (ACAMS)**.

### Overview

C/ACAMS is a DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection managed program developed in partnership with DHS' Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the National Preparedness Directorate (NPD). C/ACAMS is a secure, Web-based portal specifically designed to support state and local first responders, emergency managers, and other homeland security officials to develop and implement comprehensive Critical Infrastructure/Key Resource (CIKR) Protection Programs. C/ACAMS also supports, and is fully consistent with, the integrated approach to CIKR asset inventory, vulnerability assessment, and contingency planning outlined in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP). C/ACAMS is free for state and local governments.

### Program Description

C/ACAMS is a fully certified and accredited Web-based information services portal that provides state and local CIKR protection planners and emergency managers with access to a comprehensive set of tools and resources for collection and effective use of CIKR asset data, prevention and protection information, and incident response and recovery plans. Features include:

- Programmable, role-based access
- Comprehensive infrastructure asset inventory, inventory management, and vulnerability assessment tools
- Automated report generator for standard and customized reporting
- Built-in Asset Manager Questionnaires
- Built-in Buffer Zone Plan development tools
- DHS-approved CIKR asset taxonomy classification tool
- Access to live law enforcement and counter-terrorism news feeds
- Integrated mapping and Geospatial Information System (GIS) functionality using the DHS Integrated Common Analytical Viewer (iCAV)
- Comprehensive electronic CIKR reference documentation library
- Approved for Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) storage

### Program Status

Since initially deploying C/ACAMS in California in 2006, the DHS C/ACAMS Project Office has aggressively expanded the system's availability throughout the United States. C/ACAMS is currently used in nearly 20 states and in numerous major metropolitan areas. Federal, state and local first responders, emergency managers, and other homeland security officials from across the country have attended the CIKR Asset Protection Technical Assistance Program (CAPTAP) to learn how C/ACAMS enables the implementation of CIKR protection programs at the state and local level. DHS continues to increase C/ACAMS' presence nationwide through expanded CAPTAP offerings, a CAPTAP "Train-the-Trainer" service, and Web-based training. The C/ACAMS team also conducts extensive outreach with state and local partners to help them develop and implement CIKR protection programs tailored to meet their specific needs.

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