



Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

FOUR \$25,000 2011 *HOMELAND SECURITY AWARDS*

The Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, a Federal government agency, is now accepting Nominations for **four 2011 \$25,000 Homeland Security Awards** to be presented by the Foundation and AgustaWestland North America, a Finmeccanica company, one of the largest helicopter manufacturers in the world.



The United States and the world have moved into a new era which necessitates tighter and more vigilant security in all areas. The Foundation and AgustaWestland are doing their part by awarding **four \$25,000 Homeland Security Awards** to American individuals or companies who are making measurable and constructive contributions related to basic or advanced research in the area of homeland security which will result in significant and positive benefits to society.

The mission of the awards is to promote and encourage “cutting edge” innovation in the vast arena of homeland security, including but not limited to the detection, prevention, or response to threats to the United States. A **\$25,000 Homeland Security Award** will be presented in each of the following four fields:

- 1) ***Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Chemical and Explosive Attacks*** - Including utilities (air, water, telephone), aviation, business vulnerabilities, sensors, and lack of situational awareness.
- 2) ***Border and Transportation Security*** - Airport security, trucks, rail, and containers authorization, certification and tracking.
- 3) ***Cyber Security and Information Sharing*** - Cyber security, vertical and horizontal (Federal, State and private) communications, ways to encourage information sharing, privacy issues, and criminal and terrorist watch lists.
- 4) ***Emergency Response to Natural and Man-made Disasters*** - Interoperability, emergency command centers, mobile devices (PDAs, cell phones, pagers, Internet.)

All Nominations are accepted online at: www.columbusfoundationawards.org.

Please visit the above website for information on Competition Rules, Regulations and past recipients. The deadline for 2011 Nominations is: **Tuesday, June 14**. You may nominate yourself and/or another worthy candidate. Any questions related to the competition may be directed to Judi Shellenberger at: judithmscolumbus@cs.com or (315) 258-0090.

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The **Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation** is an independent Federal government agency established by Congress in 1992 to “encourage and support research, study and labor designed to produce new discoveries in all fields of endeavor for the benefit of mankind.” The Foundation has created ***Frontiers of Discovery–Work in Progress*** programs as follows: ***Agriscience Awards*** visit: www.agriscienceawards.com; ***Life Sciences Awards*** and ***Homeland Security Awards*** visit: www.columbusfoundationawards.org. ***Discover the Future*** program is the ***Christopher Columbus Awards***, designed exclusively for middle school students visit: www.christophercolumbusawards.com. For more information, please visit: www.columbusfdn.org or contact Judi Shellenberger at: (315) 258-0090 or email: judithmscolumbus@cs.com.

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