



### **Bruce W. McConnell**

Senior Counselor and Director, Cyber+Strategy, National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), U.S. Department of Homeland Security

On June 1, 2009 Bruce McConnell was appointed by Secretary Janet Napolitano to serve as Senior Counselor of the National Protection and Programs Directorate at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. McConnell serves as senior advisor on a host of strategic and policy matters related to NPPD and its components.

Prior to DHS, McConnell served on the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team, working on a variety of open government and technology issues. From 2000-2008 he created, built, and sold McConnell International and Government Futures, boutique consultancies that provided strategic and tactical advice in technology, business and government markets. Previously, McConnell was Director of the International Y2K Cooperation Center, where he coordinated regional and global critical information technology infrastructure organizations to promote information sharing and joint action, from 1999-2000.

McConnell was Chief of Information Policy and Technology in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget from 1993-1999, where he led the government-industry team that reformed U.S. encryption export policy, created an information security strategy for government agencies, redirected government technology procurement and management along commercial lines, and extended the presumption of open government information onto the Internet.

McConnell holds an M.P.A. from the University of Washington and a B.S. from Stanford University.

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