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**Meeting the Moment:  
Biodefense Policy, Procurement, and Public Health**

**OBJECTIVE**

Provide the Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense with a better understanding of: (1) biodefense policies and activities at the Department of Defense; (2) federal stockpile evaluation and decision-making for smallpox medical countermeasures; (3) biodefense leadership and needed authorities of the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**SCHEDULE**

**10:45 – 10:55 am**                      **Opening Remarks**

**10:55 – 11:40 am**                      **Panel One: Biodefense Posture Review**

*Federal official will address biological threats to the Nation, the recent assessment of Department of Defense biodefense policy, and coordination of military biodefense activities.*

**The Honorable Deborah G. Rosenblum**

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense

**11:40 am – 12:25 pm**                      **Lunch**

**12:25 – 1:25 pm**                      **Panel Two: Smallpox Countermeasure Procurement**

*Industry representatives will discuss the smallpox threat, diversification of federal stockpile contents, and federal incentives and partnerships to support critical medical countermeasures lacking commercial markets.*

**Laura Efros, PhD**

Vice President, U.S. Governmental Affairs, Bavarian Nordic

**Paul Williams**

Senior Vice President, Products Business, Emergent BioSolutions

**Jay K. Varma, MD**

Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, SIGA Technologies, Inc.

**1:25 – 1:40 pm**                      **Break**

**1:40 – 2:55 pm**                      **Panel Three: Disease Control Successes and Challenges**

*Current and former federal officials will address federal activities and responsibilities in addressing biological threats, authorization needs for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and biodefense leadership.*

**Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH**

Chief Executive Officer, Foundation for the National Institutes of Health; former Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**The Honorable W. Craig Vanderwagen**

Managing Director, East West Protection; LLC; former Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services

**Jeff Reczek, MPA**

Director, Washington Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**2:55 – 3:00 pm**                      **Closing Remarks**

**3:00 pm**                                      **Adjourn**