A Plan for the Restructuring of the Department of Homeland Security: The Need to Improve DHS's Effectiveness

Your final Assignment in this course is a 15-17 page term paper addressing the restructuring of the Department of Homeland Security.

If you were advising the President of the United States (POTUS), what recommendations would you make to POTUS in order to better integrate the different intelligence and homeland security agencies with the goal of creating more useful "actionable" information? Use the following critical functional areas as a basis to start your recommendations:

- Fusion of actionable intelligence information (connecting the dots)
- Prevention and deterrence of attacks
- Protection and hardening of targets
- Response and recovery attacks/disasters
- Improved cost efficiencies within DHS

Be sure to show how you would apply those recommendations and support that application with an analysis and critical evaluation of both the current and future versions of the DHS. Provide examples when applicable.

This 15-17 page paper (the page count does not include citations and exhibits), should be written using APA format and include at least 20 sources beyond the textbook. You should try to incorporate major portions of the "mile-stone" Assignments that you drafted in earlier units.

Key sections of your Term Paper should include:

- Abstract
- Introduction and historical overview of the creation of DHS
- A literature review of critical organizational structure issues of DHS
- Your proposals
- Conclusion

Please underline your thesis statement. Your thesis statement should be one, and only one, sentence that is embedded within your abstract section.

Below are some resources from the writing center that may assist you with key sections of your paper:

- How to write a research paper
- Writing an Abstract
- Writing a Literature Review

This summary also provides a good overview of a Literature Review.

Directions

In addition to fulfilling the specifics of the assignment, a successful paper must also meet the following criteria:

- o Include a cover page and references page in 10-12 point font (Arial, Courier, and Times New Roman are acceptable)
- o Viewpoint and purpose should be clearly established and sustained
- o Assignment should follow the conventions of Standard American English (correct grammar, punctuation, etc.)
- o Writing should be well ordered, logical, and unified, as well as original and insightful
- o Your work should display superior content, organization, style, and mechanics
- o Appropriate citation style should be followed

You should also make sure to:

- o Include a title page with full name, class name, section number, and date
- o Include an introductory and concluding paragraph and demonstrate college-level communication through the composition of original materials in Standard American English
- o Use examples to support your discussion
- o Cite all sources on a separate reference page at the end of your paper and cited within the body of your paper using APA format

Submitting Your Assignment

Save your document in the following format: Last name First name Assignment. (Example: SmithJohn Unit 6 Assignment). Submit your Assignment by selecting the Unit 6: Assignment Dropbox by the end of Unit 6.

Checklist for the Unit 6 Assignment

Criteria: Ask yourself the following questions.	Not Yet	Yes
Content		
Did you *apply* the 5 following critical functional areas to the department of homeland security?		
Did you *analyze* the 5 following critical functional areas, to determine inefficiencies and effectiveness of the Department of Homeland Security?		
Did you *evaluate* the 5 following critical functional areas, assessing what is efficient and effective?		
Did you *propose* a plan to restructure the DHS based on recommendations made from assessing the 5 critical functional areas?		
Did you *underline* your thesis statement within the abstract of your term paper?		
Research		

Is your research **current**?		
Did you discuss all the required areas in a **substantive** manner?		
Did you use appropriate **reference** material to support major statements?		
Quality		
Is your content **complete** enough to address the topic and questions?		
Is there a logical flow to your ideas?		
Did you present the material in a **clear and concise** manner to provide easy readability?		
Format		
Did you prepare your project as a **Microsoft Word** document?		
Did you **label your file** correctly?		
Did you use **APA** format to cite your sources?		
Did you check your document for **grammar and spelling?**		
Did your paper meet the **length** requirements?		