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Ann M. Beauchesne is vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's National Security & Emergency Preparedness Department, which works to achieve increased national security while maintaining the openness and mobility that are critical to our economy. She is the principal spokesperson on national security and emergency preparedness issues and is responsible for building and maintaining relationships with administration and regulatory agency leaders.

Beauchesne is also responsible for developing the Chamber's overall national security policy strategy and for fostering public-private sector partnerships to help ensure that subsequent policies are mutually beneficial to both sectors.

Beauchesne has more than 10 years of experience working on domestic terrorism preparedness. Prior to joining the Chamber, she worked for the National Governors Association (NGA) where she held a variety of positions, including policy analyst in the Natural Resources Division and program director of Emergency Management and Environment. At NGA, Beauchesne established its Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and served as its first executive director, identifying policy priorities for governors and their homeland security advisors.

Beauchesne has served two terms on the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Advisory Council (FEMA-NAC) which advises the administrator of FEMA on all aspects of emergency management. She was nominated for and completed the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC) program at the Department of Defense and is a graduate of the Homeland Security Executive Leaders Program at the elite Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Defense and Security. Ann also serves on the Stimson Center's Task Force overlooking the *Partners in Prevention* project; facilitating the development of innovative public-private engagements on national and homeland security issues.

Beauchesne's previous positions have given her a unique knowledge of private sector homeland security policies and operations, as well as a comprehensive understanding of U.S. governors' priorities and the operations of state governments concerning homeland security issues.

In addition to drafting the first-ever *Governors' Guide to Homeland Security*, Beauchesne has written extensively on homeland security, terrorism, emergency management, natural disasters, and nuclear weapons.

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