EXHIBIT C
Counterterrorism - Terrorist Screening Center
Mission

The mission of the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) is to facilitate and assist all law enforcement and intelligence agencies in the protection of the United States from terrorist attack by:

1) Consolidating the U.S. Government's approach to terrorism screening;

2) Maintaining a thorough, accurate, current and secure list of Terrorist Identities Information for the U.S. Government of known or appropriately suspected terrorists;

3) Providing for the appropriate and lawful use of that Terrorist Identities Information in the provision of continuous support to federal, state, local, territorial, tribal, foreign government and private sector screening processes, as well as to diplomatic, military, intelligence, law enforcement, immigration, visa, and protective processes; and

4) Doing the above consistent with the provisions of the Constitution and applicable laws, including protecting the rights of all Americans.

What We Do:

1. Maintain the U.S. Government’s Consolidated Terrorist Watchlist. The Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) maintains a consolidated database of the names and other identifying information for all known or suspected terrorists, known as the Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB). Pursuant to HSPD-6, a known or suspected terrorist is an individual “known or appropriately suspected to be or have been engaged in conduct constituting, in preparation for, in aid of, or related to terrorism.” The TSDB contains information on known or suspected terrorists only; it does not contain information on persons who have no nexus to terrorism.

2. Support Agencies that Screen for Terrorists. The TSC supports federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies and some foreign governments that conduct terrorist screening by making the TSDB information available to them for screening purposes. TSC’s 24-hour call center also supports agencies’ terrorist screening processes by determining whether the person being screened is an identity match to the TSDB. TSC supports terrorism screening at agencies like the State Department (passport and visa applications), the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (border crossings and international flights), the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (immigration and citizenship applications), and the Transportation Security Administration (domestic flights). The TSC has also made Terrorist Identities Information accessible through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system to law enforcement officers, including 870,000 state and local officers nationwide, adding those resources to the fight against terrorism.

Why We Do It:

It’s a very simple answer: to protect against future terrorist attacks on the United States and our allies.