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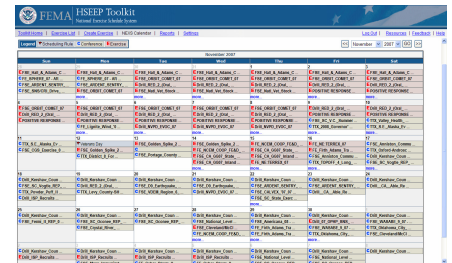
**Market:** Security

**Customer:** Department of Homeland Security - National Exercise Division

**Problem:** As part of Homeland Security Presidential Directive-8, the National Preparedness Directorate was tasked with establishing a multiple-year planning system for scheduling exercises for the entire country.

**Solution:** Coordinating across all levels of government required an online system that allows exercise planners to synchronize exercises and provide State and Federal planners with visibility into exercises within their domain. Bridgeborn developed and deployed the National Exercise Scheduling (NEXS) System to fulfill this mission for DHS. Working closely with DHS and its stakeholders, Bridgeborn incorporated standard methods, capabilities-based planning, clarified HSEEP terminology and bridged exercise scheduling into the broader exercise planning process. The NEXS enabled the linking of exercises at all levels of Government. Bridgeborn's intuitive, easy-to-use design of the NEXS made the exercise scheduling process easy and efficient.

Services Provided	
✓	Analysis
✓	SDE&I
	Data Visualization
✓	Support Services
✓	Training and Education
	Research and Development



**Value to Client:** The NEXS System formalized the exercise scheduling process by providing DHS with a set of intuitive, web-accessible tools. Web delivery increased the user base and usability and advanced reporting features give DHS foresight into the types of exercises scheduled. The NEXS also includes capabilities for pattern recognition. This allows DHS to more effectively allocate funds by combining or separating exercises as well as determining how and where exercise resources are best used to seek efficiencies that save both time and money in the planning process. Additional value was realized by the client because the standardized data format used by Bridgeborn has allowed DHS to take the NEXS from being exclusively intra-agency to inter-agency. This inter-agency use will alleviate redundant data entry and scheduling, which saves both time and money.