



PCSC Membership

Strengthen your alliances and make connections with the leaders in supply chain security by becoming a member of HDA's Pharmaceutical Cargo Security Coalition (PCSC).

The PCSC offers supply chain security intelligence; access to contacts from industry, government and vendor trade disciplines; physical and supply chain security assessments; a reference library of supply chain security publications, articles and related documents; links to like or similar industry associations; security job placement assistance; as well as opportunities to attend relevant educational events. Primarily (but not exclusively) focused on the pharmaceutical industry, the PCSC provides useful insights for anyone interested in supply chain security.

Member Benefits:

Networking: The PCSC is a highly functional hub (or "hive") coalition, connecting security and logistics professionals together with peers — in not only pharma but a number of other industries. Principal participants represent product raw material suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, reverse distributors and charitable organizations, among others.

The PCSC network also includes vendors and service providers, such as transportation entities (trucking, air, sea and rail lines); warehousing entities; those involved in freight-forwarding; customs brokerage; those that insure cargo; technology vendors (GPS, alarms, access control, CCTV, sealing/packaging, locking/securing, etc.); and firms involved in risk management and auditing supply chains.

Finally, PCSC membership includes governmental law enforcement and regulatory entities that are involved (either directly or indirectly) in monitoring worldwide supply chain activities, for all industries. Examples of current participants include state, local, and international law enforcement; the FBI, the Food and Drug Administration; the Drug Enforcement Administration; U.S. Customs and Border Protection; the Transportation Security Administration; the Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Marshals Service.

Sharing Supply Chain Security Intelligence: The PCSC shares supply chain security intelligence amongst its members — through alerts published by the coalition several times per week. Emailed directly to members of the Coalition, these alerts include information related to ongoing cargo theft incidents/investigations, pharmaceutical and generic supply chain security topics, articles related to innovations in supply chain security technology, industry events, relevant training, employment posts, and other items of interest.

Intelligence is obtained by reviewing more than 100 different open-source, and several law enforcement, references related to supply chain activity and security. PCSC members are also encouraged to submit articles they come across (or author), to be shared with their peers through these same alerts.

Product Theft Recovery: The PCSC helps facilitate critical connections and subsequent communications with local, state, federal (and, when necessary, international) law enforcement and security entities when a member suffers a product/shipment loss. These connections, and the ability for members to network and share information through the Coalition, have consistently proven to be beneficial in helping to locate and recover stolen, diverted or lost goods. Additionally, the PCSC provides resources to members seeking product theft recovery services — by maintaining a list of individuals acting as risk management consultants or private investigators, who specialize in cargo theft/diversion investigations and recovery efforts.



Education: The PCSC hosts an annual educational conference which brings stakeholders from various industries together to learn about security trends and best practices, as well as to examine case studies related to supply chain distribution. Current PCSC members enjoy a discounted rate for event registration. An associated awards program, within the conference, provides industry the opportunity to officially recognize law enforcement, regulatory personnel or other industry professionals for their contributions to supply chain investigations, recoveries, prosecutions or supportive initiatives.

Reference Library: PCSC members enjoy access to an extensive reference library of articles, whitepapers and conference presentations — all relating to supply chain security. The library also includes examples of helpful operational forms and other reference materials.

Audit Programs: For a nominal consultancy fee PCSC members are eligible to take advantage of existing, in-house, expertise to have their sites and/or supply chains assessed for effective physical and/or transportation-related supply chain security practices — as well as Good Distribution Practices. The PCSC is also well versed in specialty audits, such as those involving federal supply chain security programs, to include the U.S. Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) Program and the Transportation Security Administration's Certified Cargo Screening Program (CCSP).

Association Relationships: The PCSC maintains strong relationships with similar associations and groups for the benefit of its members. Partnerships include relations with the American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS), the Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA); the Pharmaceutical Security Institute (PSI); the British Standards Institute (BSI), CargoNet, the Cargo Security Alliance, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI), the American Trucking Association (ATA) and many others.

Job Placement: For a nominal consultancy fee PCSC members, who are looking to establish their first security function within the company, are eligible to take advantage of in-house assistance in creating job descriptions, searching for appropriate candidates, interviewing those candidates, and creating security related Standard Operating Procedures. The PCSC also offers free assistance to anyone looking to obtain security employment.

The PCSC is a separate and distinct offering within the HDA. PCSC member companies that are not also members of HDA in other membership categories are not afforded access to the full range of HDA member benefits. Examples of exclusions would be attendance to HDA's Business and Leadership Conference, access to non-PCSC committees and other HDA-specific programs and services.