

# Homeland Security

**T**he Roundtable continues to help create a more secure and sustainable environment for commercial and multifamily real estate.

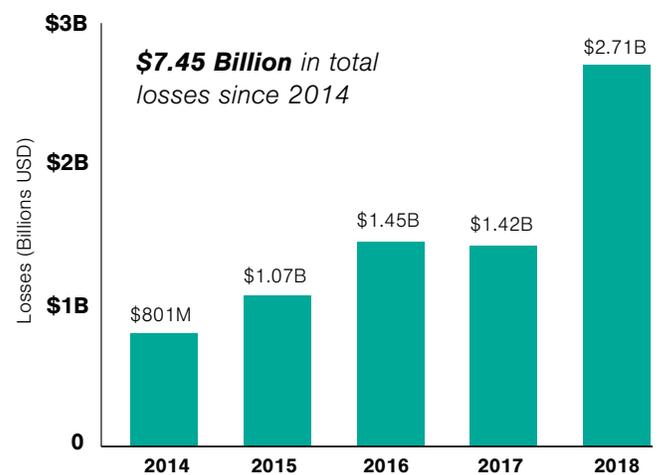
Roundtable members play a vital role in sharing information, managing and mitigating risk and developing and implementing strategies and tactics to make the commercial facilities sector more secure and resilient against both physical and cyber threats. As a critical element of the nation's infrastructure, real estate continues to face a range of threats from natural catastrophes, international and domestic terrorism, criminal activity, cyberattacks and border security. Strengthening the security and resilience of the commercial facilities sector remains a top Roundtable priority, and is an important aspect of managing any facility where people live, work, shop, and play.

## Sharing Information to Strengthen the Commercial Facilities Sector

The Roundtable's Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) works with government officials and private sector

partners to detect, protect, and respond to a multiplicity of key threats. The HSTF focuses on enhancing the commercial facilities sector's ability to meet its current and future security-related challenges by analyzing threats, sharing information, and fostering resilience through a broad threat matrix of physical and cyber risks.

## Losses From Internet Crime



Source: FBI

# Terrorists Have Targeted Locations Across the U.S.

This map locates over 50 specific sites targeted for terror attacks since September 11, 2001. More than 10 additional plots with no clear target were also foiled.

Source: FBI & Heritage Foundation research based on media reports and court documents.



The HSTF continues to meet regularly and coordinate briefings with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and other agencies to discuss potential threats to the sector and enhance risk management and mitigation. Special sessions of the HSTF and Risk Management Working Group (RMWG) have been held recently in the FBI's New York City office and Washington, DC headquarters to discuss the threat landscape and real estate industry concerns.

The HSTF also oversees the work of the Real Estate Information Sharing and Analysis Center (RE-ISAC), a

public-private partnership between the US commercial facilities sector and federal homeland security officials that The Roundtable started in 2003.

## The Real Estate Information Sharing and Analysis Center (RE-ISAC)

The RE-ISAC serves as the primary conduit of terrorism, cyber and natural hazard warning and response information between the government and the commercial facilities sector. The RE-ISAC proactively manages risk and strengthens the security and resilience of the US commercial facilities sector to aid protection and prevention.

The RE-ISAC operates in full compliance with Presidential Policy Directive 21, “Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience” (February 12, 2013), which mandates that the public and private sectors share information about physical and cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities to help protect US critical infrastructure. The RE-ISAC includes the entire commercial facilities sector critical infrastructure component of the US economy. RE-ISAC members include the principal owners, investors, and managers of commercial facilities in the US.

The RE-ISAC is part of the National Council of ISACs, whose mission is to advance the physical and cyber security of the critical infrastructures of North America by establishing and maintaining a framework for valuable interaction between and among the ISACs and with government.

Through a Cybersecurity Information Sharing and Collaboration Agreement with DHS’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the RE-ISAC team maintains an on-site presence with the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) to conduct joint analytical activities and coordinate cybersecurity analysis and collaborative activities.

Through its information sharing network, the RE-ISAC engages in operational efforts to coordinate activities supporting the detection, prevention, and mitigation of a full range of physical, data, and cyber threats to the nation’s critical infrastructure.

## **Managing Natural Catastrophe Risk by Working to Reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program**

The Roundtable and its partner associations support a long-term reauthorization and improvements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that help



*Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Richard Burr (R-NC) discusses the growing number of cyber threats, and the need for comprehensive cyber security legislation.*

property owners and renters prepare for and recover from future flood losses. Floods are the most common and most destructive natural disaster in the U.S., and there is limited private market capacity.

The NFIP was scheduled to sunset in 2018, but the program was temporarily extended until Sept. 30, 2019 under one of the eleven short-term extensions Congress has approved since 2017. As policymakers continue to debate potential changes and improvements to the program, their challenge is to find a balance between improving the financial solvency of the program, reducing taxpayer exposure and addressing affordability concerns.