



## 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).**

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; as well as opportunities to attend educational events. Primarily (but not exclusively) focused on the pharmaceutical industry, 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 (primarily in pharmaceutical supply chains) together with peers in those and the supply chains of other industries. Participants represent product suppliers, shippers, manufacturers, wholesalers, 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, access control, CCTV, sealing/packaging, locking/securing, track and trace, etc.); and firms involved in auditing supply chains. These organizations support supply chain operations in the pharmaceutical and other industries.

Vendors and service providers that wish to be recognized as PCSC members, will ultimately be listed in a detailed reference database, which will be broken down by category and allow for a brief description of type services that they offer. The database will be available as part of the "public" section of the PCSC website.

Finally, PCSC membership also 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 U.S. participants include federal, state and local law enforcement; the Food and Drug Administration; Drug Enforcement Administration; U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Transportation Security Administration; the Department of Homeland Security; and the U.S. Marshals Service, among others.

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

Intelligence is gathered by reviewing more than 40 different open-source references of supply chain security information, including the British Standards Institute, CargoNet, CONECT, *FiercePharma*, *gCaptain*, the *Handy Shipping Guide*, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, LinkedIn, NaVCIS (UK), *The New York Times*, *Pharmaceutical Commerce*, *Pharmaceutical Outsourcing*, *The Scan*, *Securing Industry*, *Security Management* (a publication of ASIS International), Sensiguard™ Supply Chain Intelligence Center, *Supply Chain Brief*, the Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA), *The Wall Street Journal* and other sources.

PCSC members are encouraged to submit articles they come across (or author), to be shared with their peers through these alerts. Approximately 40 percent of the updates in the alerts are submitted by existing members who are recognized for their efforts.

As a member benefit, alerts also include relevant employment opportunities in the security field, as well as dates and locations of supply chain security training and specialized events. There are no fees associated with posting these items.



Finally, during holiday periods, when supply chain thefts tend to increase in both volume and value, the PCSC routinely posts a detailed list of considerations in its alerts, reminding members of the importance of due diligence.

**Product Theft Recovery:** PCSC helps facilitate connections and subsequent communications with local, state, federal (and several international) law enforcement entities, as well as organizations with regional cargo theft investigative agencies and task forces (in the U.S. and several other countries). These connections — and the ability for members to network and share information through the coalition — have proven to be beneficial by helping to locate and recover stolen, diverted or lost goods. Additionally, PCSC provides resources to members seeking product theft recovery services by maintaining a list of individuals acting as private investigators, who specialize in cargo theft investigations and recovery efforts.

**Education:** PCSC hosts an annual educational conference which brings stakeholders from various industries together to learn about security trends and 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.

Because PCSC is a part of HDA, its members enjoy discounted access to several annual HDA conferences and seminars, including the Distribution Management Conference and Expo and the Traceability Seminar.

**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 (in development) also will include examples of helpful operational forms and other reference materials.

**Audit Programs:** 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, for an additional fee. Chuck Forsaith, Vice President, PCSC, has more than 16 years' experience conducting both physical and supply chain security assessments.

PCSC also is allied with the Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA), which offers certifications in both secure transportation and facility assessments for all industries; and Rx-360, which provides quality auditing programs within the pharmaceutical industry. The coalition is also associated with other service providers (within the PCSC membership) that provide specialty audits, such as those involving federal supply chain security programs [including the U.S. Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) program and the Transportation Security Administration's Certified Cargo Screening Program (CCSP)].

**Association Relationships:** PCSC maintains strong relationships with similar associations and groups for the benefit of its members. Allied groups include the American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS), British Standards Institute, CargoNet, Cargo Security Alliance, International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI), Pharmaceutical Security Institute (PSI), RxPatrol and the Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA), among others.

*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.*