

*Something important is being served up at  
lunch on Wednesday. Plan now to be there!*

*12:00 pm – 1:30 pm ♦ Independence Ballroom*

### **Homeland Security — Lessons Learned and Successes**

Speaker

Thomas K. Richey

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Attend this session for a rapid-fire presentation of where and how our nation is making incredible progress toward our national Homeland Security goals. Secretary Chertoff just released the official report on the Federal response to Katrina and the lessons learned. One of the leading lessons learned is "We are not as prepared as we need to be at all levels: Federal, State, local, community, and individual. Hurricane Katrina obligates us to re-examine how the Federal government is organized to address the full range of potential catastrophic events - both natural and man-made." Microsoft understands the challenges but has also seen incredible progress where leaders in local communities and regions have reached across to their neighbors to lay the foundation for building state of the regional capabilities. The anatomy of these success stories can serve as a beacon to all as we consider our own local challenges and struggles.

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