

BECOMING A CONSTITUENT

OSAC constituents represent a company or an organization, not an individual. Constituency is available to any American not-for-profit organization or enterprise incorporated in the U.S. (parent company, not subsidiaries or divisions). Current OSAC constituents include small to mid-size companies, large Fortune 500 corporations, academia, faith-based groups, and others with operations overseas.

Each organization is requested to designate one representative as the primary point of contact (POC) for the OSAC account. This representative is typically someone representing the CEO in security matters at their U.S. headquarters. The designated POC has the ability to add and manage online users for their organization.

Interested in joining OSAC? Go to the OSAC website and access the **"How to Join"** link. If you think your organization may already be an OSAC constituent, check with your head of security for access to the OSAC website.

WHAT OUR CONSTITUENTS ARE SAYING

"Since its creation 25 years ago, OSAC has provided accurate, timely and actionable information to thousands of U.S. organizations ... keeping them out of harm's way."

— George P. Shultz,
Former U.S. Secretary of State & OSAC Founder

"With over 29,000 employees worldwide and operations in more than 30 countries, ConocoPhillips understands the security challenges of operating in a global environment ... OSAC has helped ensure we are able to deliver a safe, reliable supply of energy to the world."

— Jim Mulva, CEO, ConocoPhillips

"The work of Save the Children and our NGO colleagues requires that we consider the security of our staff, programs and beneficiaries more than ever before. OSAC has been a reliable resource in helping us to better understand the security on the ground and developing strategies to implement our programs safely and effectively."

— Charles MacCormack,
President & CEO, Save the Children USA

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can be found online.

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SERVING THE
U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR ABROAD

BUSINESSES
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
ACADEMIA
FAITH-BASED GROUPS
ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR OPERATING OVERSEAS

WHO WE ARE



OSAC – the Overseas Security Advisory Council – was created in 1985 under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to promote security

cooperation between American private-sector interests worldwide and the U.S. Department of State. OSAC has developed into an enormously successful joint venture, with U.S. companies and organizations receiving the tools they need to cope with security issues in a foreign environment.

The OSAC “Council” is composed of 30 private-sector and four public-sector member organizations that represent specific industries or agencies

operating abroad. Member organizations designate representatives to serve on the OSAC “Council” and provide the direction and guidance to develop programs that most benefit the U.S. private sector overseas. Specific recommendations from OSAC to the U.S. Department of State and implemented by the Department’s Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) have included the Research and Information Support Center (RISC), the OSAC website, and the Country Council Program. Expanding on one of the primary goals to develop an effective security communication network, OSAC continues to invite U.S. businesses, academia, faith-based groups, and non-governmental organizations to become constituents. *There is no cost involved with OSAC constituency.*

WHAT WE DO

OSAC promotes effective cooperation by working to assist the U.S. private sector to better anticipate security issues, including identifying and tracking threats, particularly those targeting private-sector personnel, facilities, investments, interests, and intellectual property. In addition to providing timely and actionable security information, OSAC also aids in the development of new markets with accurate assessments of current and future security environments. Ensuring that critical security information is shared with those who need it, when they need it, OSAC is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer constituents’ questions with expert analysis of rapidly evolving security challenges overseas.

OSAC STRUCTURE

Information is shared with the private sector through four principal means:

The OSAC “Council” leads the organization and sets its strategic direction, goals, and objectives. This structure ensures that the goals are set by the private sector with public-sector support.

RISC staff is solely dedicated to the needs of the U.S. private sector. They gauge threats to U.S. private-

sector personnel, facilities, and intellectual property abroad. With access to a broad range of classified and unclassified reporting from diplomatic missions around the world, as well as open-source information, RISC staff is able to track social, political, and economic issues that affect the security of the U.S. private sector operating overseas. RISC is composed of three distinct units: Country Councils and Outreach, Global Security, and Regional Analysis.

Country Councils replicate the OSAC public/private partnership at over 135 overseas locations, bringing together the American embassy or consulate with the private-sector regional personnel to share information about security issues of mutual concern. These councils encourage managers of U.S. organizations to organize themselves to cope with security-related issues by pooling their resources. Key representatives of these councils and embassy security officers, as well as other embassy officials, develop relationships to create a network for sharing timely and actionable security information.

The OSAC website is the mechanism through which OSAC disseminates unclassified information on security-related incidents and threats overseas relevant to the U.S. private sector.

CONSTITUENT BENEFITS

OSAC’s network provides reliable information around the globe, comprehensive networking, access to security analysts, and more. Most important, constituency is free!

- ◆ Direct access to both RISC staff and a robust, Washington-based website that is dedicated to OSAC constituents and is updated constantly. Constituents consult with our staff hundreds of times every month.
- ◆ Immediate, reliable information on specific and credible threats to the American private sector.
- ◆ Global networking for our 3,700 constituent organizations and over 135 Country Councils supported by federal law enforcement agents stationed at U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide.

OSAC ON THE WEB

Serving the public

OSAC.gov is one of the State Department’s most popular websites. Much of the site’s content is available to the public, including:

- ◆ Daily news reporting and email digests
- ◆ Public incident reports
- ◆ The State Department’s invaluable advisories for travelers

Serving our constituents

Through their password-protected accounts, OSAC’s constituents can access such information as:

- ◆ Reporting on major security incidents around the world and timely benchmarking based on current constituent needs
- ◆ Security-specific coverage of major events such as the Olympics, the World Cup, the economic summit meetings of the G8, and the World Economic Forum, with updates on threats as the events approach
- ◆ Security-focused reporting searchable by region and/or topic
- ◆ A resource library featuring information on contingency planning, plus model presentations that constituents can adapt for briefing their own personnel
- ◆ Embassy and consulate emergency messages linked through the Department’s Bureau of Consular Affairs