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Demand:

An array of private sector entities have begun to trouble security analysts who are concerned with the greater proportion of dual use technologies being pushed into private hands. The ability of industry to contribute—knowingly or unwittingly—to the WMD supply chain is surging. This challenge also provides an opportunity to develop innovative, public-private partnerships for proliferation prevention. Engagement will be crucial, and can help create template "best practices" for WMD facilitator industries.

Objective:

The initiative will study and engage with three distinct industry sectors on the proliferation supply chain: the radiopharmaceutical sector, the shipping industry, and the financial/insurance sector. This effort will be an industry-led model to produce nonproliferation engagement more likely to be embraced by private actors across diverse industry sectors.

Approach:

The project will identify industry interests, capabilities, and responsibilities in preventing the movement of WMD and related items. Scalable initiatives that prevent proliferation through facilitator industries will be identified from expert workshops with industry. The Stimson Center will summarize the findings of the workshops and provide recommendations in a report and briefings to relevant Federal agencies as well as to the public.

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