



## CASE STUDY

**Client:** United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)  
Agricultural Research Services (ARS)

**Project:** Security Management Support Services, a comprehensive consulting program including security assessment, analysis, procurement and project management.

**Situation:** After 9/11, the Department of Homeland Security earmarked significant budgets to government agencies to assess, prioritize and secure critical government facilities and assets.

As part of its mission, the USDA operates facilities that could be potential terrorist targets especially the locations where it conducts research and houses samples on pandemic illnesses and food borne diseases that affect people, animals and the food chain.

**Project Scope:** Securityhunter Inc. was awarded a GSA contract in September 2004 totaling \$1.8 million from the USDA to evaluate security at 135 sites, provide recommendations on electronic and physical security needs and provide project management services to assist ARS manage the subcontracting process to ensure the security system upgrades are implemented on schedule.

**Project Highlights:** Beginning in 2004, Securityhunter began its security support services program assessment of the USDA Agricultural Research Services sites, evaluating existing physical and electronic security and targeting the correct security solution for each facility to include contractors to facilitate the work. This project scope included:

- Developing and analyzing vulnerability assessment reports
- Generating statements of work for recommended security and conducting a pre-bid walk through with contractors
- Compiling independent government cost estimates
- Supporting Contract Officer as the Technical Representative (COTR) in evaluating proposals
- Managing countermeasures projects on behalf of the USDA
- Generating project commissioning documents
- Maintaining project timelines, performing random on-site audits & delivering status reports

**Results:** The U.S. Government has been able to use Securityhunter's subject matter expertise in security to advance its mission to protect the USDA's critical assets across the nation.