



# ABSIA INTERNATIONAL

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## 14. The FBI's Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Program and Safeguarding the Bioeconomy

*A distance learning opportunity*

**November 9 and 16, 2023**

1:00 – 3:00 pm (CST)

**Free webinar for ABSIA Members**

The FBI's Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Program and Safeguarding the Bioeconomy webinar will demonstrate how the FBI's WMD Program interfaces with biosafety officers. This information can be helpful especially as biosafety offices deal with the evolving threat that biotechnology can pose. With its rapid growth, the U.S. bioeconomy increasingly serves as a critical foundation for American competitiveness in a global environment. When it comes to security, biological threats have historically focused on emerging infectious diseases or the possibility of engineering a virus that could start a zombie apocalypse. As biology continues to converge with cyber, new security challenges will arise. This presentation will highlight the need to radically redefine what we consider biological and cyber threats.

This webinar will be two 2-hour sessions on Thursday, November 9, and Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 1:00 pm (CST). For the webinar session, you should plan on logging in at 12:45 pm (CST). You are required to attend the webinar sessions, and to complete and/or access all the modules in the course on the training site to receive the completion certificate through the ABSIA International Training Site. The link in the invitation will be unique to the user and cannot be shared.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the nature of the presentation and rules set by the FBI, this webinar will NOT be recorded nor will slides of the presentations be shared.

Upon completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Define the FBI's role in biosecurity
- Better identify potential threats to biological research and biotechnology
- Expand their awareness of future biosafety/biosecurity challenges
- Identify biosafety/biosecurity risk mitigation measures

The webinar will be presented by:

**Supervisory Special Agent Ed You**, Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate, Washington, DC

**Ms. Dione Mazzolini**, WMD Coordinator, FBI Seattle Division

**Mr. Nicholas Paquette, CBSP(ABSIA)**, Operational Microbiologist, FBI Laboratory Division, Quantico, VA

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

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- All biosafety and biosecurity professionals

### **COURSE FEES**

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___ ABSA Members	Free
___ Nonmembers	\$30 USD

To obtain the ABSIA member rate, the participant will need to be an ABSIA member in the year in which the training is offered. Course fees include: access to the ABSIA International training site, and 4 hours of interactive instruction from well-respected subject matter experts.

### **QUESTIONS**

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Please direct questions about this webinar to:

Kari DeServi, MEd, Director of Education, ABSIA Office, 866.425.1385 (toll free), Email: education@absia.org

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# Registration Form

## The FBI's Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Program and Safeguarding the Bioeconomy

\*Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s): Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City, State: Country: Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please provide your preferred email address, which you frequently access)

### **\*Required information**

#### **Payment:**

\_\_\_\_ ABSA Members            Free  
\_\_\_\_ Nonmembers            \$30 USD

To obtain the ABSA International member rate, the participant will need to be an ABSA International member in the year in which the training is offered. Group registrations need to be made at the same time.

Check enclosed (drawn in a US Bank on US funds; made payable to ABSA International)

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