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The Department of Homeland Security is one of the largest U.S. government agencies, with branches and employees at both the federal and state levels. While agencies affiliated with the Department of Homeland Security doubtless have Websites, finding contact information for specific individuals or even that agency itself can be an incredibly cumbersome task, even for the most experienced Internet researcher. This is the true value of *The Grey House Homeland Security Directory 2014*: it makes finding agency information, as well as contact information for specific individuals at the federal and state levels incredibly easy. This volume is organized into five sections: federal agencies, state agencies, company listings, industry resources, and indexes. The federal and state agencies sections provide the name of the department; departmental contact information, such as telephone number, mailing address, fax number, e-mail address, and Website URL; a brief description of the department; and top-ranking individuals in that department, including their job titles, and any available contact information, such as telephone numbers and/or e-mail addresses. The Company Listings section is arranged alphabetically by company name and lists over 3,000 private sector companies that offer homeland security-related services, such as investigative services, providing their contact information and brief description of services. Industry Resources includes contact information and a brief description for 722 associations, periodicals, directories and databases, shows and seminars, and Websites related to homeland security activities. The final section of indexes consists of an alphabetically listing of entry names, a listing of key personnel, and a products and services index. The primary drawback to this print edition is the same as with any print directory: by the time of publication and distribution, information may be out of date—individuals change positions, agencies move buildings, URLs get altered. It can also be irritating to type in potentially long URLs to go to the websites for specific agencies, but there is also an electronic version of this volume for those concerned about this. This directory is recommended for libraries that own earlier editions, as well as libraries with patrons who are keenly interested in contacting local or national Homeland Security personnel.