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SAFETY Act: Incentivizing Innovation & Investment in Protective Security



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Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act (the SAFETY Act)

The SAFETY Act was enacted as part of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to address reluctance to develop and deploy security technologies and services in civilian settings following 9/11.

The SAFETY Act enhances the nation's ability to deter and respond to terrorist threats by encouraging the development and deployment of Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technologies (QATTs).

QATTs are any qualifying product, equipment, service (including support services), device, or technology (including information technology) designed, developed, modified, procured or sold for the purpose of preventing, detecting, identifying, or deterring acts of terrorism or limiting the harm such acts might otherwise cause.



Technology Shows
Potential



Technology has Proven
Effectiveness



High Confidence of
Continued Effectiveness

Designation Benefits

DT&E Designation

- Limitations on the use and deployment
- Limited term (approx. 3 years)
- Plus all the benefits of Designation

Designation

- Liability cap
- Exclusive action in Federal court
- No joint and several liability for non-economic damages
- No punitive damages or prejudgment interest



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Certification Benefits

Certified technologies receive all the benefits of Designation:

- Liability cap
- Exclusive action in Federal court
- No joint and several liability for non-economic damages
- No punitive damages or prejudgment interest

PLUS:

- Government Contractor Defense



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Evolving Technologies: The SAFETY Act Universe

As technologies advance, so does the scope and size of the SAFETY Act to include all current, past and future technologies.

- **Detectors/Sensors Electronic Surveillance**
- **Bollards/Barriers Risk/Threat Assessments**
- **Software**
- **System Engineering and Integration**

2008 - 2009

- **Stadiums and Arenas**
- **Enterprise Risk Management**
- **Mass Notification Systems**
- **Corporate Governance**
- **Cybersecurity**

2014 - PRESENT

2009 - 2013

- **Security Services**
- **Event Management Services**
- **Commercial Facilities**
- **Best Practices**

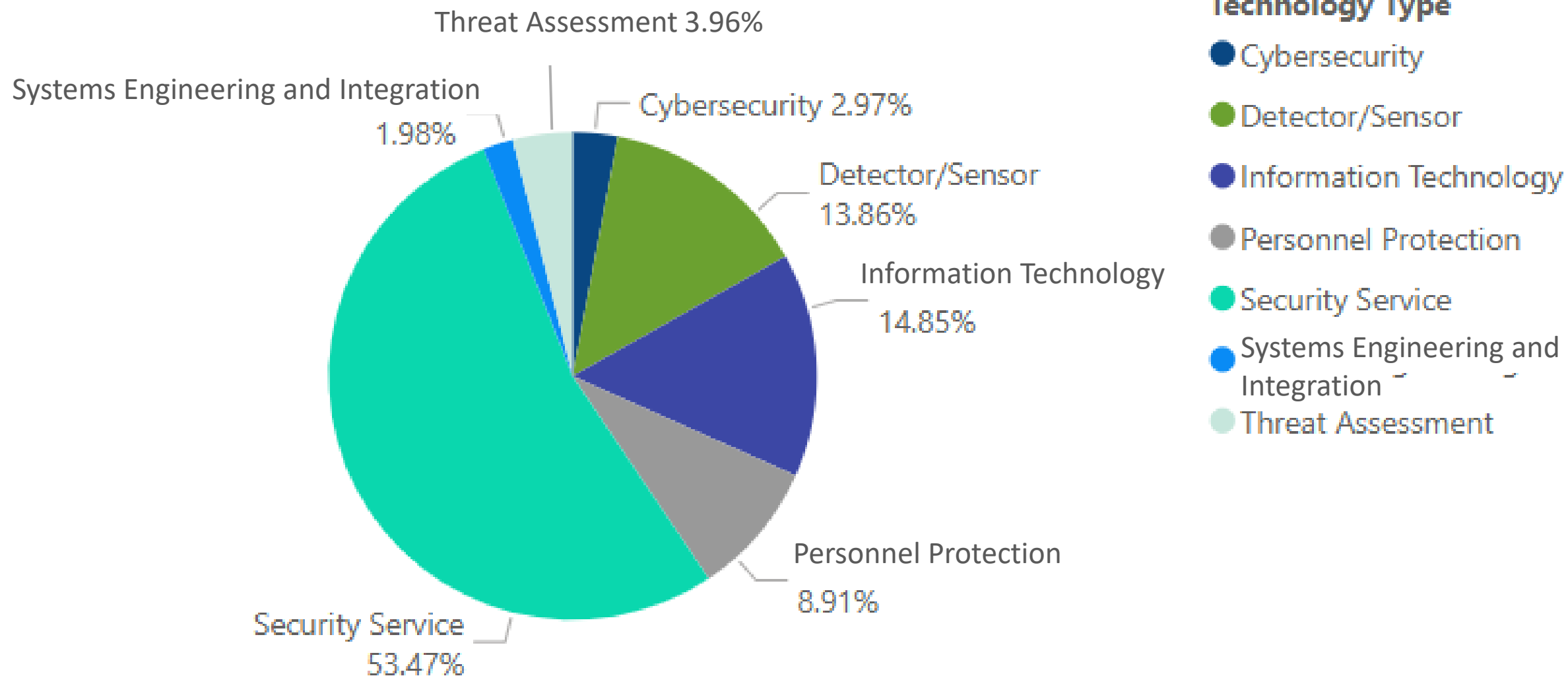
FUTURE

- **Artificial Intelligence**
- **Machine Learning**
- **IoT**
- **Cyber Technologies**
- **Hotels**
- **Publicly Accessible Spaces**



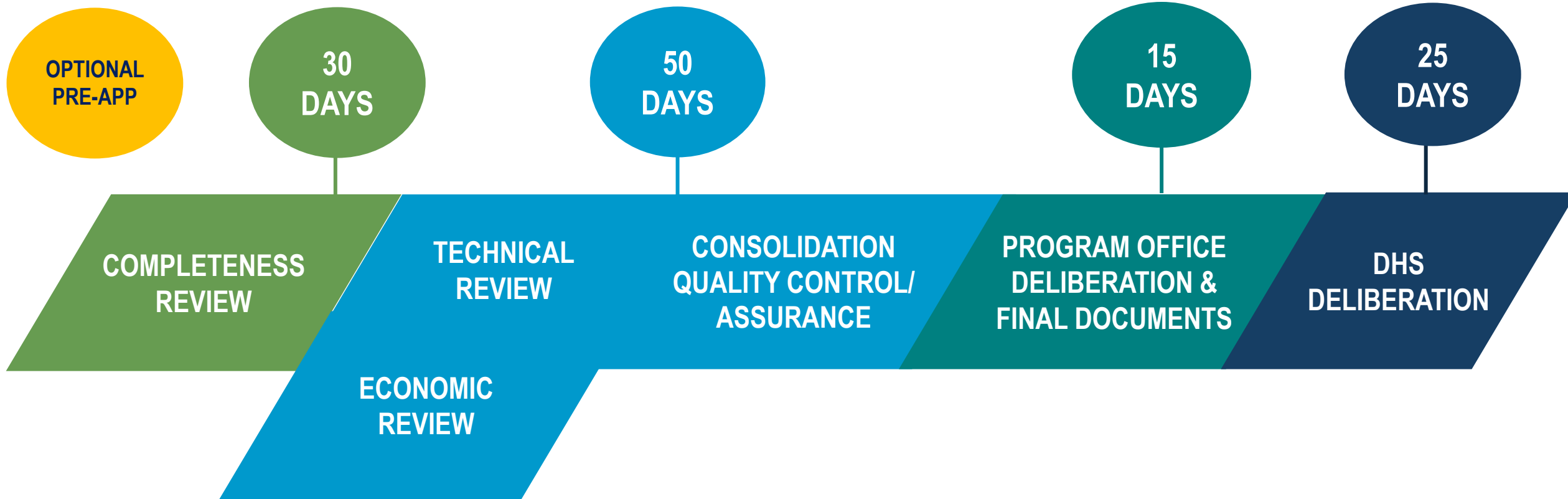
Types of Technologies Issued Protections

[FY25 DATA]



120 Day Application Process

In Compliance with Congressionally-Mandated Timeline



- Timeline based on calendar days
- Information requests do not stop the clock
- Any delays ripple out through the overall timeline
- Regulations allow for 45-day extension (Total = 165 days)

Security of critical infrastructure site is a **complex, multi-layered** program of technologies including policies, plans, personnel, and physical defenses



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**Coordination with Federal,
State, and Local Authorities**



Safety and Evacuation Plans



**Measures of Performance and
Effectiveness**



**Technical or Electronic Security
Measures**



**Personnel Assessments: Hiring,
Vetting, and Training**



Plans, Policies, Procedures



**Threat, Vulnerability, & Risk
Assessments (TVRAs)**



Changing the Game

SAFETY Act certification can be a complex process, but for many companies, the long-term benefits can make it worthwhile:

- Lower premiums,
- Higher insurance coverage,
- Capped liability,
- Strengthen reputation



SAFETY Act protections improve the security marketplace

SAFETY Act protections are desired – and *required* – by end-users because of the program's rigor, its focus on continuing enhancements and the value of pass-through legal protections.



The Program spurs innovation and improves anti-terrorism effectiveness

Sports leagues raised standards for anti-terrorism security best practices at arenas nationwide.

Corporate R&D investments are now targeted at developing future SAFETY Act eligible anti-terrorism technologies.



OSAI raises awareness of terrorism threat risks

Outreach to industry helps partners understand the threat and threat reduction options, both technological and through SAFETY Act benefits.



More than 1,400 approved applications since 2004

Since inception, OSAI has supported the development and widespread deployment of Qualified Anti-terrorism Technologies that defend the American people from acts of terrorism.



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