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UNDERSTANDING HUMAN ENHANCEMENT TECHNOLOGY FOR SOLDIERS

the FELLOWS
Expertise in neuroscience, physiology, cognition, and ethics

the ISSUE
Understanding policy issues and risks that may arise from emerging and disruptive technologies for soldiers

the OUTCOME
Provide DRDC with a view of the ethics and policy landscape pertaining to globalization and technologically-enhanced future capabilities through cognitive, robotic, and physiological methods

Federal placement at DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CANADA
GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR HIGH CONTAINMENT BIO-THREATS

the FELLOW
Microbiology expert and former World Health Organization intern

the ISSUE
Taking a leadership role in an international biosafety network, a global alliance working to strengthen international response and protocols to high-consequence diseases

the OUTCOME
Training gap analysis report, operational capability and competency matrix, preparation of best practices process map, and an emergency communications protocol

Federal placement at CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY
ADVANCING PLANT HEALTH PRIORITIES FOR THE CANADIAN PLANT HEALTH COUNCIL

the FELLOW
A biologist with a diverse background in plant physiology, phytochemistry, and molecular biology

the ISSUE
Identifying ways to improve uptake of voluntary biosecurity measures to preventing plant pests from crossing borders

the OUTCOME
An assessment of the awareness and uptake of biosecurity resources and programs amongst growers and the general Canadian public

Federal placement at the CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY
COLLABORATING WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES ON FOREST MANAGEMENT

the FELLOW
Ecologist focused on integrating Indigenous knowledge

the ISSUE
How to develop partnerships that build capacity for incorporating Indigenous knowledge into forest resource management in British Columbia

the OUTCOME
A framework to encourage increased adoption of traditional ecological knowledge into existing resource management frameworks, and develop stronger relationships with Indigenous communities

Provincial placement at BC MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS
INFORMING THE RESPONSE PRIORITIES FOR BC’S EARTHQUAKE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

the FELLOW
Civil engineer with a focus on assessing water infrastructure

the ISSUE
How to prioritize infrastructure assets when reacting to an earthquake early warning (EEW) system in the event of a major earthquake

the OUTCOME
Recommendations to inform the technological development of the EEW and the subsequent infrastructure management responses it triggers

Provincial placement at EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BC
HOW TO PLAN LONGTERM FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

the FELLOW
Expert researcher focused on managing environmental and social issues related to climate change and future thinking by decision makers

the ISSUE
Planning for climate change can be overwhelming and decision makers may not know where to start to protect local agriculture

the OUTCOME
The introduction of the pathways approach as a framework to support long-range planning and highlight agriculture as a sustainable means of local food production

Provincial placement at the BC MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
APPLYING BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE TO INCREASE USE OF PUBLIC SERVICES

the FELLOW
Expert in visual attention and long-term memory with expertise in psychology, neuroscience, and human behavior

the ISSUE
Citizens don’t always take advantage of, or understand, available provincial services or regulations, e.g. a business owner is confused about paying taxes and misses the deadline

the OUTCOME
Recommendations for evidence-informed solutions that foster uptake of, and compliance with, provincially managed services
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