



**AFRL Rome Research Site and Initiatives**



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Working teams will develop critical interrogations and interventions in Rome's evolving *homeland* landscapes. These include planning and design for the proposed **State Preparedness Training Center**.

### Air Force Research Laboratory Rome Research Site and the State Preparedness Training Center

Rome Lab, as it is familiarly known, has evolved into a leader in new defense technologies relating to Information Assurance and Information Dominance - in particular C4ISR: Command, Control, Communication, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance. Lab scientists and technologists refine tools for the warfighter and battlefield commander, among them, representations of 'battlespace', which include the information environment within operational areas. Since 9/11, *homeland* has emerged as a new battlespace typology, as Rome Lab engages in research supporting homeland defense and the war on terror.

Rome Lab and related contractors employ over 1,400 with an annual budget exceeding \$600 million. Syracuse University is among the lab's academic collaborators.

In his January 2005 State of the Union message, NY Governor George Pataki proposed establishing the nation's first **State Preparedness Training Center** in the Mohawk Valley, for training firefighters, police, 911 coordinators and others about the "whole gamut of homeland security issues". Rome, NY, and Griffiss Business and Technology Park - site of Rome Lab - are among leading contenders to host the facility.