

## Daily Debrief

With Amy Morris

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### Conference Review

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Welcome to the end of the week!

### Creating a New Culture

FederalNewsRadio [has been telling you](#) about how specific agencies have been working to improve how they deal with hurricanes and disaster preparedness, but one man says he wants to change our culture. **Lt. General Russell Honore** was commander of the Joint Task Force, Katrina in 2005 and is now a contributor to CNN. He tells us what he's learned, and what he's doing, to make sure everyone stays safe in the event of a storm. [Click to hear the interview.](#)

### Looking for a Few Good Interns

Acquisition is important at any agency, but getting potential feds excited about it isn't always easy. That's why the [Partnership for Public Service](#) is working with college interns. Vice President for Education and Outreach **Tim McManus** has details. [Click to hear the interview.](#)

### News Wrap-Up

Unemployment is up and President Bush will decide next week whether or not to cut troop levels in Iraq. For updates on this and more we turn to AP White House Correspondent **Mark Smith**. [Click to hear the interview.](#)

## Conference Review

In order to keep the country safe, agencies with initials like CIA, NSA, and NSO gather large amounts of information from all over the world. Making sense of all that information is the job of the intelligence analyst. In Orlando yesterday, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence wrapped up the Analytic Transformation Conference, dealing with powerful 'next generation' tools to help the analysts do their jobs. From Orlando, we spoke to **Mike Wertheimer**, Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Analytic Transformation and Technology. [Click to hear the interview.](#)

## Nothing Small About Him

The Minority Small Business Person of the Year has been named by the SBA during the 26th Anniversary of the [National Minority Enterprise Development \(MED\) Week](#). **George Burciaga** is a 34-year old Latino entrepreneur and president of [smarTECHS.net](#), Inc. His firm is based in Chicago and he tells us more about how he got started and what he's doing now. [Click to hear the interview.](#)

## Moving Forward

The Defense Department's technology concerns have little to do with IT. FederalNewsRadio's **Jason Miller** has details. [Click to hear the interview.](#)

## Friday Fun Day

It's the end of the week, which means we have info on some great entertainment deals for federal employees. **Karl Teel** is with Recreation News and gives us the scoop. [Click to hear the interview.](#)

## Other Stories We're Following

[Sources: Bush advised to delay troop cuts in Iraq](#)

[Report Says Fraud, Abuse Are Possible Under Iraqi Visa Law](#) (Washington Post)

[Woodward: Bush 'too often failed to lead' on Iraq](#)

[Bush intends to punish Moscow for invading Georgia](#)

[US Coast Guard helicopter crashes off Hawaii](#)

[FEMA to cover hotel costs for some Gustav evacuees](#)

[Lawmakers chop up major contracting reform legislation](#) (GovExec)

[DHS' Cohen made questionable picks on research projects, IG says](#) (FCW)

[TIGTA: The IRS lacks secure Web servers](#) (FCW)

[CBP ad blitz will explain new travel document requirements](#) (GovExec)

[EPA limits lawnmower emissions to stem pollution](#)

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