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# Protecting Texas Ports: A Unified Strategy for Maritime Security and Resilience

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## A Maritime Powerhouse

Texas operates at a scale unmatched serving as the **leading exporter** and **second-largest importer** in the nation.

**746.4 Million Tons**

Foreign and domestic cargo handled in 2023 (Highest in the U.S.).

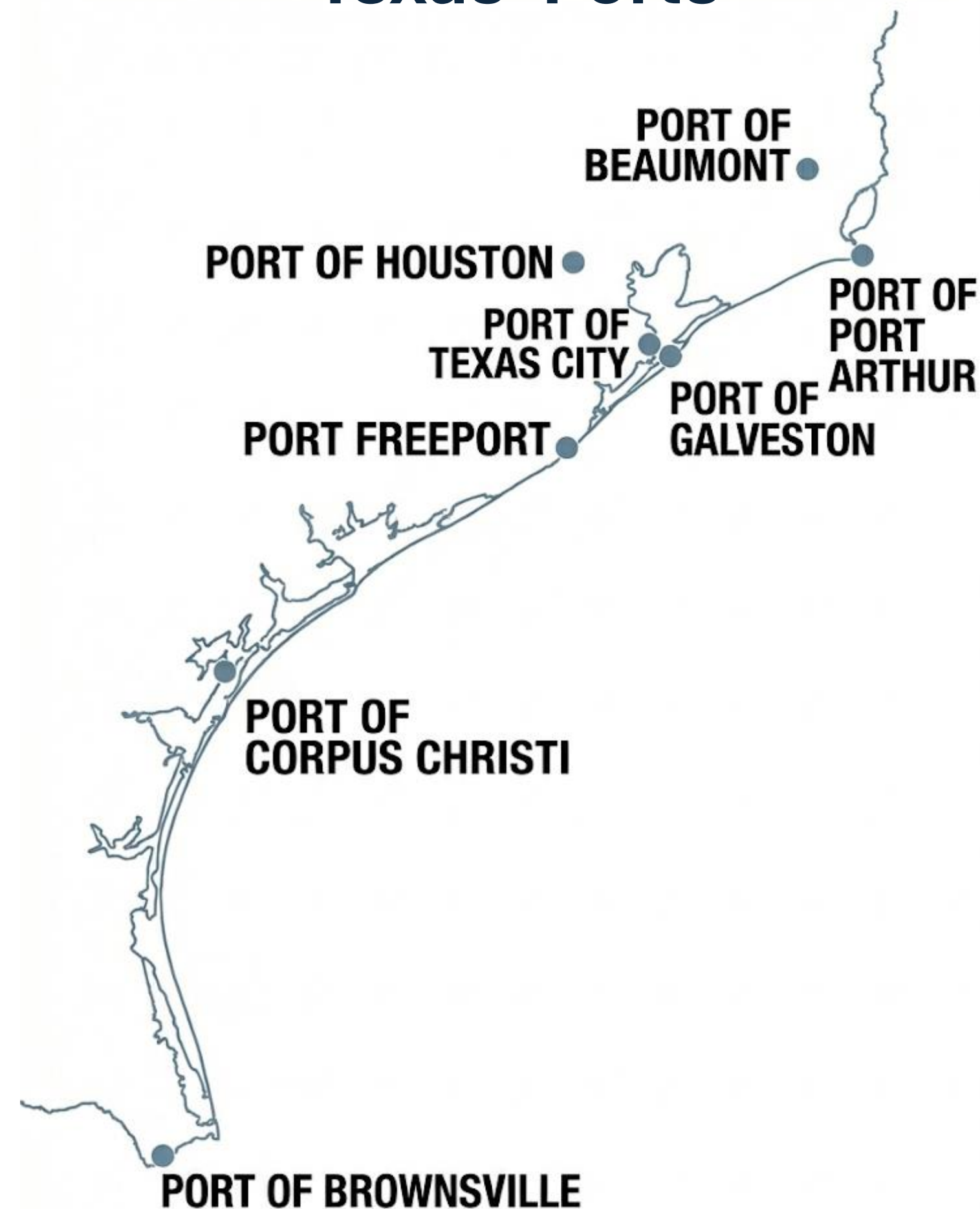
**19 Total Ports**

11 deep-draft and 8 shallow-draft maritime ports.

## Top 20 Dominance

Texas holds six of the nation's top 20 ports by tonnage: Houston (#1), Corpus Christi (#3), Beaumont (#7 & busiest U.S. military port), Freeport (#15), Port Arthur (#16), and Texas City (#23).

## Texas' Ports



## Protecting the Maritime Industry

- **Joint Operations:** Unified USCG, CBP, and Texas local law enforcement patrols across the Gulf Coast and Intracoastal Waterway.
- **Advanced Detection:** Deployment of the AI-enhanced Drawbridge camera program and ground-to-air radar to track low-flying clandestine threats.
- **Port Security Committees:** Multi-jurisdictional teams actively sharing threat intelligence and vulnerability data at the local port level.

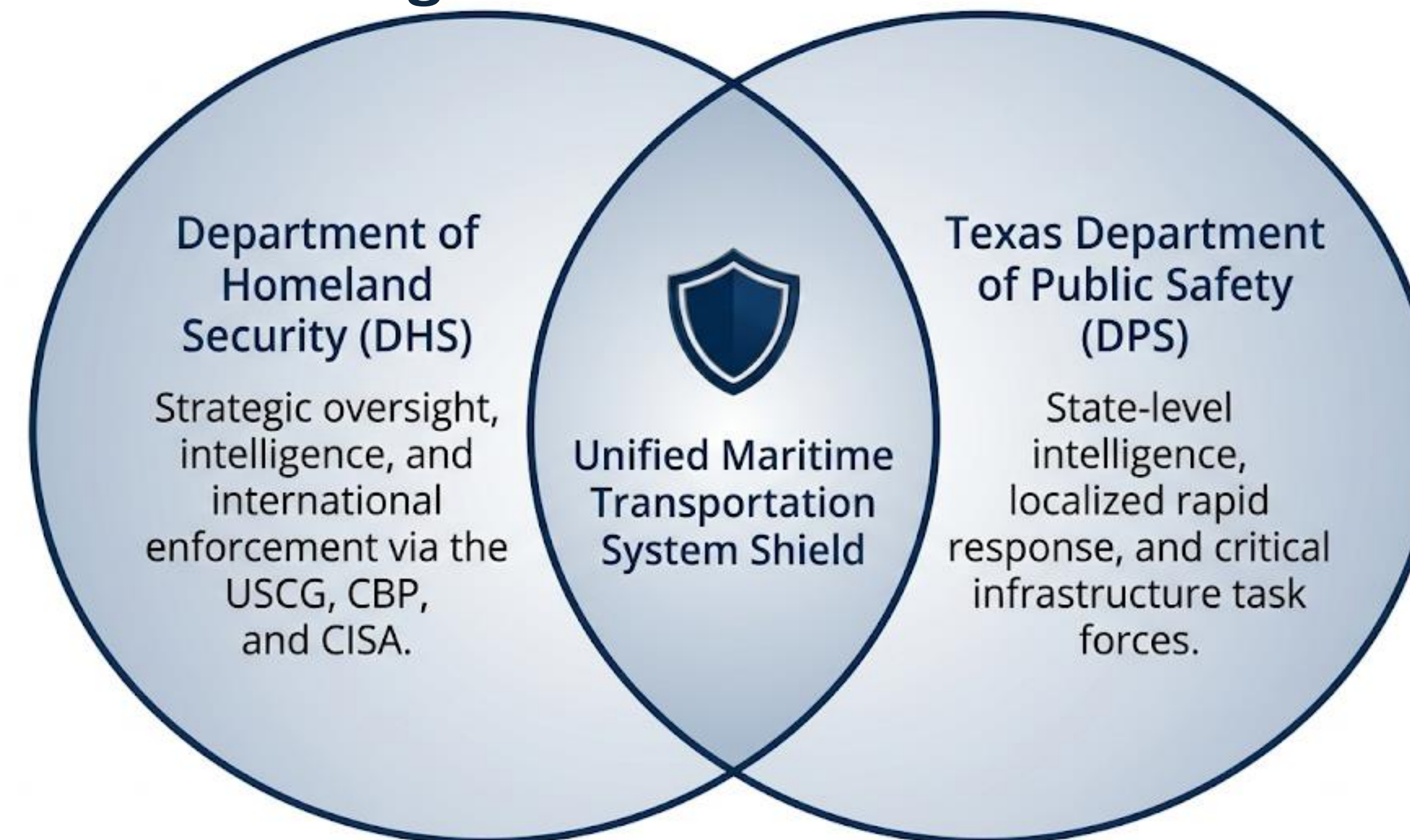
## The Imperative of Public-Private Partnership

**Information Sharing:** Engagement with the Texas Fusion Center and local Port and Transit security groups for real-time threat data.

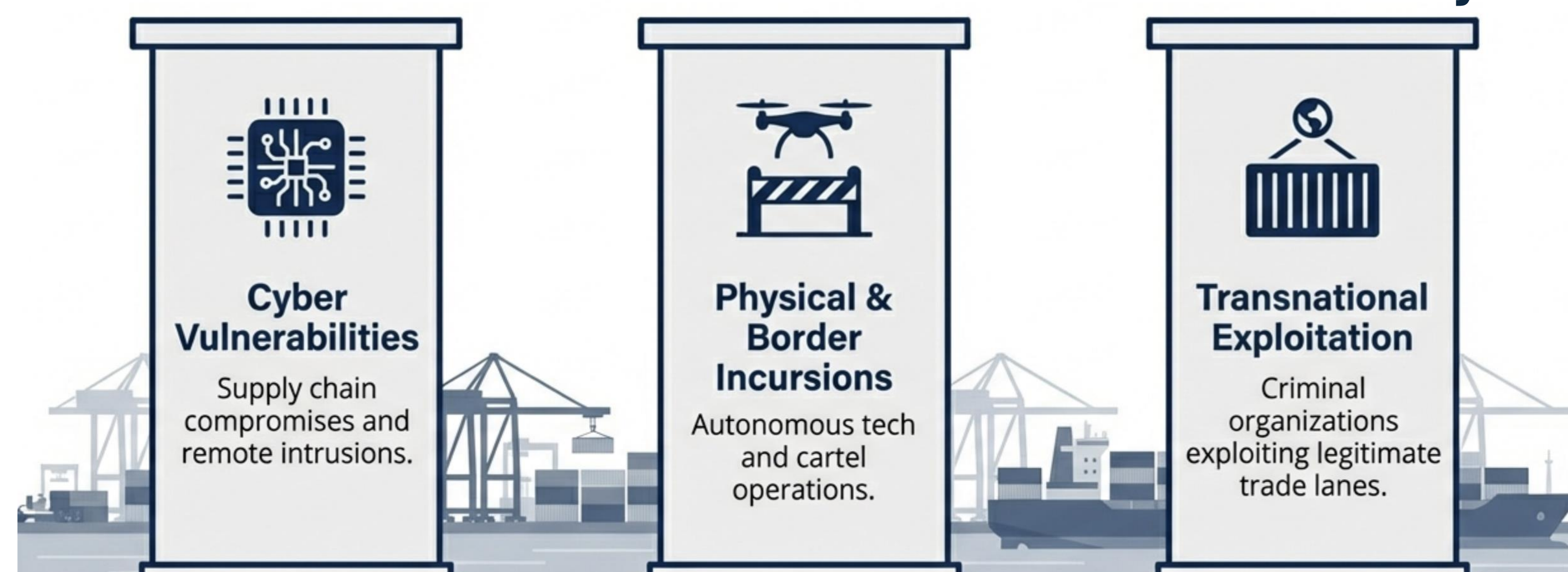
**Cybersecurity Performance Goals:** Implementation of CISA's cross-sector, voluntary benchmarks to measure and improve cyber maturity.

**Joint Exercises:** Participation in multi-agency tabletop and live-action drills to ensure seamless continuity of operations during a crisis.

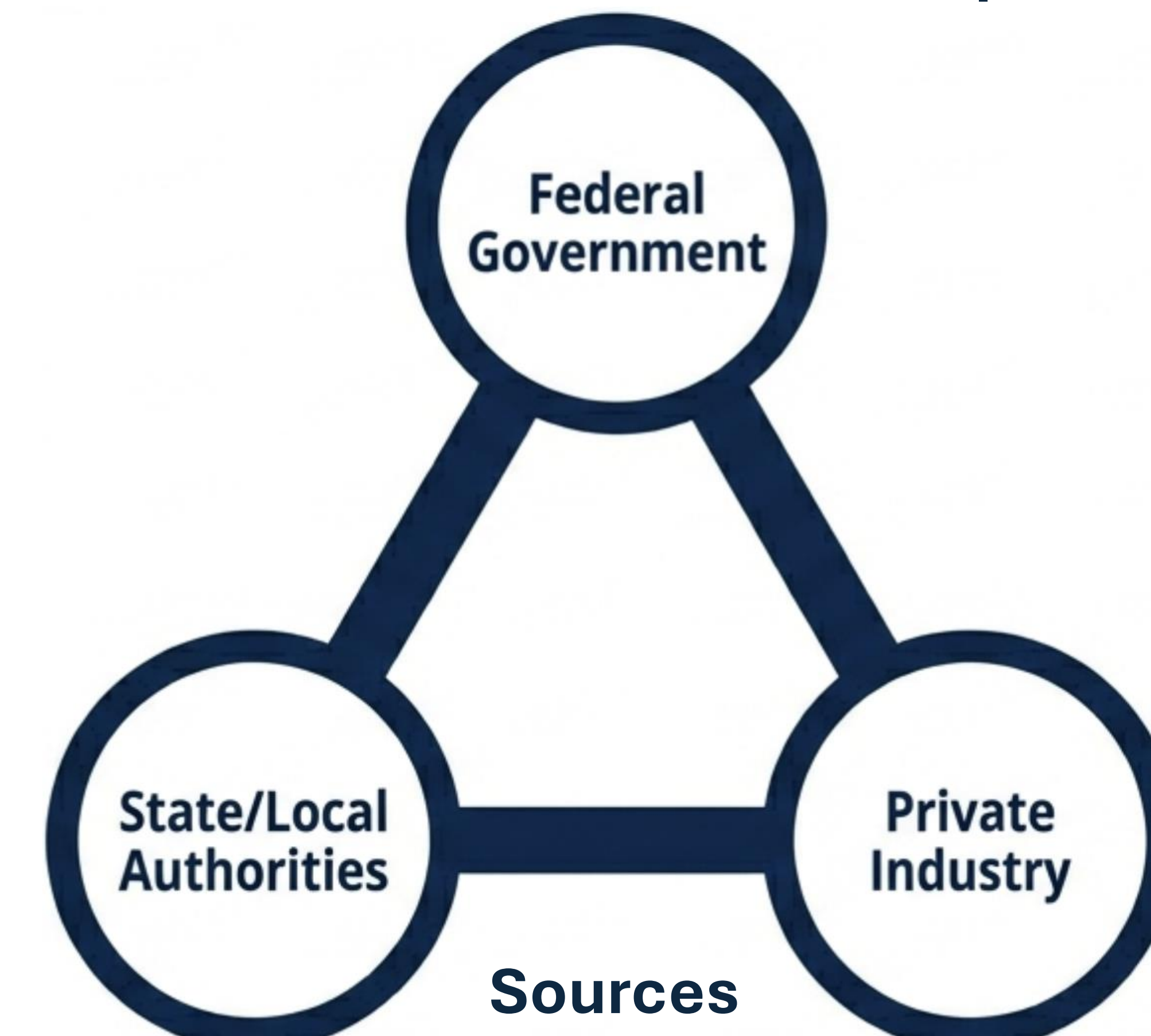
## Integrated Defense Structure



## Multidimensional Threats to Texas' Maritime Industry



## Public-Private Partnership



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