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Seven years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists attacks, there is still no overarching strategy for protecting international shipping hubs, former Gov. Mark R. Warner told business leaders and port officials Monday during a conference in Norfolk.

"Government has a role to play but it doesn't always have all the answers," Warner said. "The idea that we're going to just wait for federal money alone isn't going to fix it."

Warner came to Old Dominion University to help kick off a new fundraising effort designed to bring in private money to encourage port security research and development at cutting-edge technology companies and a handful of Virginia's colleges and universities.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks, Warner said, federal, state and local officials started patrols and safety procedures with a "hodgepodge of differing missions."

Warner noted that China is now able to scan 100 percent of the containers moving through its ports.

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