Homeland Security

Executive Order (EO) 13636 Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

Presidential Policy Directive (PPD)-21 Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience

Integrated Task Force

To implement Executive Order 13636 on Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity (EO) and Presidential Policy Directive-21 on Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience (PPD-21), the Department established an Integrated Task Force (ITF) to lead DHS implementation and coordinate interagency, and public and private sector efforts, and to ensure effective integration and synchronization of implementation across the homeland security enterprise. The ITF is comprised of 8 Working Groups each focused on specific deliverables of implementation, and is led by a Director and Deputy Director, who report to an Executive Steering Committee under the DHS Deputy Secretary. The ITF is expected to work for approximately nine months to achieve the implementation timeline directed by the EO and PPD-21, before turning the EO and PPD work back to the DHS program offices responsible for their long-term delivery.

Working Group	Description	Deliverables
Stakeholder Engagement	Responsible for coordinating outreach to stakeholders (including critical infrastructure owner-operator communities and State, local, tribal and territorial governments) throughout the implementation process.	• Consultative process for engaging stakeholders
Cyber-Dependent Infrastructure Identification	Responsible for identifying critical infrastructure where a cybersecurity incident could result in catastrophic regional or national effects on public health or safety, economic security, or national security, as well as evaluating how best to enhance the ongoing prioritization process for all critical infrastructure.	• Identification of CI at Greatest Risk • Process of notifying CI owners of status on the list
Planning and Evaluation	Responsible for leading the effort to evaluate the existing public-private critical infrastructure partnership model and its functionality for physical and cyber security, and update the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, in coordination with the Sector Specific Agencies and other critical infrastructure partners, as appropriate.	• Evaluation of the Public-Private Partnership Model • Update the NIPP
Situational Awareness and Information Exchange	Responsible for identifying and mapping existing critical infrastructure security and resilience functional relationships across the Federal Government, identifying baseline data and systems requirements for the Federal Government, and developing a situational awareness capability for critical infrastructure. Responsible for identifying mechanisms to improve effective information sharing.	• Description of CISR Functional Relationships • Baseline System and Data for information exchange • Situational awareness capability for critical infrastructure
Incentives	Responsible for leading the study of incentives for participating in the voluntary critical infrastructure cybersecurity program and contributing to efforts to develop recommendations on the feasibility, security benefits, and relative merits of incorporating security standards into acquisition planning and contract administration.	• Cybersecurity voluntary program incentive reports
Framework Collaboration (with NIST)	Responsible for working with the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop, evaluate, and disseminate the cybersecurity framework and encourage adoption by owners and operators, to include adoption of cybersecurity performance goals.	• Cybersecurity Framework • Report on applicability of Cybersecurity Framework to regulations • Performance Goals
Assessments: Privacy and Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	Responsible for coordinating with Privacy and Civil Rights and Civil Liberties representatives from across the interagency to support the accomplishment of individual Department and Agency requirements within the EO and PPD	• Engage in ongoing consultation on assessment implementation as needed by Departments and Agencies
Research and Development	Responsible for leading all research and development-related tasks in Executive Order 13636 and Presidential Policy Directive 21.	• CISR R&D Plan

Learn more about the Department's efforts to strengthen and secure the Nation's critical infrastructure.

For more information on the working groups or to engage in developing the deliverables email EO-PPDTaskForce@hq.dhs.gov