

# NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

## **Funding Highlights:**

- Provides \$45.6 billion in base discretionary funding for the National Intelligence Program to support national security goals and reflect a deliberative process to focus funding on the most critical capabilities. This includes:
  - Funding to continue integrating intelligence across the Government to help policy officials make decisions informed by the latest and most accurate intelligence available;
  - Countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction by strengthening collection capabilities;
  - Supporting military operations around the world by addressing both current and future needs;
  - Adapting to evolving cyberspace capabilities to help protect Federal networks, critical infrastructure, and America's economy, while improving the security of intelligence networks against intrusion and counterintelligence threats; and
  - Enhancing information sharing through expanded use of the IT cloud to facilitate greater efficiency and improved data security across the intelligence information environment.

## **Reforms:**

- Supports the new presidential policy directive that governs signals intelligence collection and strengthens Executive Branch oversight of signals intelligence activities.
- Continues efforts to rightsize the workforce and to preserve critical current and future mission capabilities in the current fiscal environment.
- Reduces lower priority programs to enable investments in the most critical National Intelligence Program capabilities.

The National Intelligence Program (NIP) funds Intelligence Community (IC) activities in six Federal Departments, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The IC provides intelligence collection, the analysis of that intelligence, and the responsive dissemination of intelligence to those who need it—including the President, the heads of Executive Departments, military forces, and law enforcement agencies. The IC's efforts play a critical role in protecting American citizens, safeguarding the U.S. economy, and fostering continued economic growth. The Budget advances the Administration's national security objectives and the National Intelligence Strategy, while protecting privacy and civil liberties and providing responsible management of taxpayer resources. The Budget represents a focused effort to address the most critical national security requirements while accepting and managing risk within a constrained fiscal environment. Savings are achieved by reducing personnel, eliminating legacy capabilities, scaling back operations on lower priority missions, and implementing new solutions for the delivery of information technology services. Reflecting the Administration's commitment to transparency and open government, the Budget continues the practice begun in the 2012 Budget of disclosing the President's aggregate funding request for the NIP. However, the details regarding the NIP budget remain classified, so the Budget highlights key NIP-funded activities but does not publicly disclose detailed funding requests for intelligence activities.

### ***Advances National Security Goals***

**Integrates Intelligence.** The Budget continues to support efforts to improve intelligence integration to more efficiently and effectively harness the strengths and capabilities across the IC. Through National Intelligence Managers and their associated Unifying Intelligence Strategies, the Director of National Intelligence has brought together the expertise to fulfill the goals of the National Security Strategy and the National Intelligence Strategy, as guided by the National Intelligence Priorities Framework. The IC is

working to ensure that integrated intelligence information flows anywhere and anytime it is required by any authorized user, from the President to U.S. troops on the ground.

**Continues Key Capabilities to Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction and Disrupt Terrorism.** The IC enhances collection capabilities to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. The IC continues to lead operations to defeat al Qaeda and other violent extremists, penetrate and analyze targets of interest, identify and disrupt counterintelligence threats, and provide strategic warning to policymakers on issues of geopolitical and economic concern. The Administration also remains committed to measuring performance to evaluate progress, ensure key intelligence gaps are closed, and create accountability for results across the entire NIP.

**Supports the Military Services.** The Budget supports the ability of the IC to play a key role in informing military strategy and decision-making. The IC provides situational awareness for military leaders, particularly as needed for force protection, targeting support, and other timely and actionable intelligence. Planners look to the IC for adversary plans, intentions, and capabilities. The Budget balances its focus between current, immediate needs for U.S. military forces engaged in operations with enduring intelligence requirements for potential future military and security needs.

**Adapts to Evolving Cyberspace Operations.** Cyber threats are constantly evolving and require a coordinated and comprehensive way of thinking about cyberspace activities. No U.S. sector, network, or system is immune from penetration by those who seek to make financial gain, to perpetrate malicious and disruptive activity, or to steal commercial or government secrets and property. The IC's goal is for relevant pieces of information to be available—to those with appropriate access—in order to connect the dots in identifying cybersecurity threats while protecting individual privacy and civil liberties.

**Enhances Information Sharing While Safeguarding Intelligence Networks.** The IC depends on robust information technology capabilities to support operations and information sharing and collaboration with authorized users. The Budget expands the use of common, secure, shared IT capabilities and services through the integrated cloud hosting environment, continues support for the protection of the critical networks that facilitate information sharing and operational requirements, and accelerates various information protection and access control mechanisms. The IC supports the Senior Information Sharing and Safeguarding Steering Committee, which the President established by Executive Order in 2011, to guide and prioritize Government-wide investments in classified networks and to support the Administration's National Strategy for Information Sharing and Safeguarding.

### ***Makes Difficult Cuts and Reforms***

**Enhances Transparency and Reforms Signals Intelligence Programs.** After a comprehensive review of signals intelligence programs, and in light of new and changing technologies, the President announced how the IC will use its signals intelligence capabilities in a way that protects national security while supporting foreign policy, respecting privacy and civil liberties, maintaining the public trust, and reducing the risk of unauthorized disclosures.

In addition, the President has issued a new policy directive for signals intelligence activities at home and abroad. This directive lays out new principles that govern how the IC conducts signals intelligence collection and strengthens Executive Branch oversight of signals intelligence activities. The Budget fully supports this new directive.

**Rightsizes the Workforce.** Recognizing the challenges of this fiscal environment, the IC continues to review its operational, investment, and infrastructure programs to identify efficiencies. The Budget reduces Government personnel levels, as supported by the Congress, with a continued aim to rightsize the workforce while focusing on sustaining the skills in the current IC workforce that have been developed over the past decade.

**Achieves Savings Through Reducing Lower Priority Programs.** The NIP budget reflects a deliberative process to ensure that the IC focuses on those programs that have the most significant return on investment and terminates or reduces those considered lower priority or underperforming. For example, the Budget continues the IC's migration to more efficient information technology and collection architectures that posture the IC for future capabilities.