



National Infrastructure Protection Plan

Defense Industrial Base Sector

The Defense Industrial Base (DIB) Sector is one of 18 critical infrastructure sectors established under the authority of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (HSPD-7). Each sector is managed by a Sector-Specific Agency (SSA) that provides sector-level performance feedback to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to enable assessment of national, cross-sector critical infrastructure protection and resilience programs. In accordance with the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP), each SSA is responsible for developing and implementing a Sector-Specific Plan (SSP), in collaboration with public and private sector partners, and for encouraging the development of appropriate information-sharing and analysis mechanisms.

Sector Overview

The DIB Sector is the worldwide industrial complex that enables research and development (R&D), as well as design, production, delivery, and maintenance of military weapons systems, subsystems, and components or parts, to meet U.S. military requirements. The Department of Defense (DoD) is the SSA for the DIB Sector.

The DIB partnership consists of the DoD components and more than 100,000 DIB companies and their subcontractors, who perform under contract to DoD, and companies providing incidental materials and services to DoD, as well as government-owned/contractor-operated and government-owned/government-operated facilities, while prioritizing and coordinating protection of DIB critical infrastructure. Contrary to common belief, the DIB does not include commercial infrastructure, such as communications, transportation, power, or other utilities. These commercial infrastructure assets are addressed by other SSAs.

HSPD-7 identifies the DIB Sector as a critical infrastructure sector and assigns the responsibility for ensuring DIB functionality to the DoD. Prior to HSPD-7 and the NIPP, DoD developed many DIB risk management processes and they have continued over the years. DoD plans to shift from this DoD-centric approach to one that is all-encompassing, inviting the diverse views and perspectives from the defense and commercial industries, other sectors, State, tribal, and local governments and other partners with a goal to strengthen the DIB Sector's ability to maintain resilience.

Sector Partnerships

The DIB Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) is a private sector forum of two dozen owners and operators and six industry associations/organizations that collaborate on protection measures that may be implemented at their respective facilities. Along with DoD, Federal departments that have equities impacting the DIB, including the Departments of

State, Treasury, Justice, Commerce, Energy, and Homeland Security have partnered to form the DIB Government Coordinating Council (GCC), the government counterpart to the SCC.

These two bodies allow private sector owners and operators to engage with government officials through the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council. The Council provides a single venue for internal coordination on a wide range of sector-specific infrastructure protection activities and issues. It further provides a standing forum for government and private sector partners to facilitate information sharing; discuss areas of mutual interest; synergistically leverage activities; eliminate duplicative processes; and collaborate on measures necessary to ensure the DIB Sector mission performance.

SCC members, drawn from industry associations, have the authority to represent their respective organizations, each of which has significant DIB Sector business interests. Members have broad knowledge of DIB industrial capabilities and security requirements.

Critical Infrastructure Protection Issues

The composition of the DIB Sector continues to evolve with the ongoing consolidation and globalization of the defense industry. This fact, along with the number of Federal, State, and local authorities having a situation and threat-based role in critical infrastructure protection and resilience complicates the responsibility landscape. To help de-conflict possible gaps and overlaps in protection responsibilities, the DIB utilizes a layered all-hazards protection approach for DIB Sector assets. Fundamentally, protection and resilience programs apply at the individual DIB asset level and are the responsibility of the asset owners. Because voluntary participation is part of the overall strategy, trust building and relationship development are key to DIB critical infrastructure protection and resilience improvements. The SCC and GCC are working together to facilitate building trusted relationships with DIB owners and operators through established governance structures. DIB partners also collaborate with other government agencies, the private sector, laboratories, and academia. This collaboration explores new concepts for protection and resilience, such as relevant national and international standards, identifies “best practices” protection programs, coordinates Federal critical infrastructure protection and resilience efforts, and determines DIB dependencies on other infrastructure sector services.

Priority Programs

The sector is embarking on a more partnership-oriented approach to refine, develop, and implement strategic plans and program implementation actions important to the protection and resilience of the sector. DoD, through the DIB GCC, will pursue the active engagement of its SCC counterparts and all sector partners to refine existing and develop new processes required to eliminate unacceptable levels of risk. Under the leadership of the combined GCC and SCC, the DIB partners developed a Joint Business Plan (JBP) to focus annual activity on a set of shared objectives. These objectives are based on the goals of the DIB Sector-Specific Plan and on current trends or threats that impact the DIB. This joint plan identifies concrete and action-oriented objectives in line with the Risk Mitigation Activities published in the Sector-Specific Plan, with assigned timelines and responsible leads. The JBP re-energized DoD and private sector engagement within the national critical infrastructure protection framework, organized into five focus areas: Criticality, Threat Comprehension, Dependency Analysis, Assessments, and Information Sharing.

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