NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Funding Highlights:

- Provides \$48.2 billion in discretionary base funding for the National Intelligence Program. This funding supports our national security goals and reflects a deliberative process to focus funding on the most critical capabilities.
- Continues to better integrate intelligence across the Government to help policy officials make decisions informed by the latest and most accurate intelligence available.
- Strengthens global intelligence capabilities to disrupt terrorism and better understand extremist threats.
- Counters the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction by strengthening collection and analysis capabilities.
- Supports military operations around the world.
- Enhances 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.
- Modernizes the Intelligence Community's information technology infrastructure to remove barriers to collaboration, information sharing, and efficiency.
- Reduces contractors and maintains Government personnel levels in order to sustain other mission critical activities in a constrained fiscal environment.
- Terminates or 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 2014 President's Budget advances the Administration's national security objectives and the National Intelligence Strategy and plays a critical role in protecting American citizens, safeguarding our economy, and fostering continued economic growth. In addition, it represents a focused effort to address the most critical requirements while accepting and managing risk within a constrained fiscal environment. The Budget strikes a careful balance between addressing critical national security requirements and providing responsible management of taxpayer resources. Savings are achieved by curtailing personnel growth, eliminating legacy capabilities, scaling back operations on lower priority missions, reducing facilities, and implementing new solutions for the delivery of information technology services, as appropriate. 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 IC will continue to improve intelligence integration to more efficiently and effectively harness the strengths and capabilities that are spread across 17 organizations. Through National Intelligence Managers their associated Unifying Intelligence and Strategies, the Director of National Intelligence has drawn together the expertise required to accomplish 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 our troops on the ground.

Strengthens Global Intelligence Capabilities to Disrupt Terrorism and Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction. The IC continues to make robust investments to combat terrorism and support the Administration's National Strategy for Counterterrorism. The IC will continue to lead operations to defeat al Qaeda and other violent extremists and disrupt their capabilities; prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; penetrate and analyze the most difficult targets of interest to U.S. foreign policymakers; identify and disrupt counterintelligence threats; and provide strategic warning to policymakers on issues of geopolitical and economic concern. To protect our national security, the IC will strengthen its collection and analysis capabilities and promote responsible intelligence collaboration and information sharing. 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 decision-makers at the strategic level, as well as those on the ground. The IC provides situational awareness, 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.

Enhances Cyberspace Operations, Information Sharing, and Safeguards Intelligence Networks. Cyber threats are constantly evolving and require a coordinated and comprehensive way of thinking about cyberspace activities. As we continue to see across our Nation, no 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 Budget includes increases and improvements to a full range of cyberspace activities. The Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative Five (CNCI-5) seeks to connect cybersecurity centers and other cybersecurity analytics electronically and in real time. The Budget provides an increase in funding for CNCI-5 in order to develop a comprehensive, coordinated cybersecurity information sharing system that will serve as the foundation for cybersecurity information sharing requirements across the Government and with appropriate partners. This system will also develop and publish machine readable interoperable technical standards that will allow for automated information sharing. The goal is for relevant pieces of information to make its way to those who need it, regardless of where they are in the Government, within the constraints of policy and law, to connect the dots in identifying cybersecurity threats while protecting individual privacy and civil liberties. In addition, the Budget supports the Senior Information Sharing and Safeguarding Steering Committee, which the President established by Executive Order 13587 in October 2011, to guide and prioritize Government-wide investments in classified networks and to support the Administration's National Strategy for Information Sharing and Safeguarding. The Budget continues to support the protection of these critical networks that facilitate the IC's information sharing and operational requirements.

Modernizes the Information Technology Infrastructure. The IC depends on robust information technology capabilities to support operations and allow for information sharing and collaboration with all authorized users. Management of this information and data is paramount to its usability. Modernization of this infrastructure will develop efficient, interoperable solutions to the IC's storage and data handling challenges. The Budget achieves significant NIP savings by consolidating duplicate information technology infrastructure and applications, and by improving energy efficiency and reducing non-mission critical travel, consistent with Administration policy.

Makes Difficult Cuts and Reforms

Reduces Contractors and Maintains Government Workforce. Consistent with Administration-wide efforts to find savings in the current fiscal environment, the Budget maintains IC Government personnel levels and continues to reduce the IC contractor workforce. The Budget focuses on sustaining the skills in the current IC workforce that have been developed over the past decade.

Achieves Savings Through Reducing or Terminating Lower Priority Programs. Recognizing the challenges of this fiscal environment, the IC has undertaken a comprehensive review of its operational, investment, and infrastructure programs. The NIP budget reflects a deliberative process to ensure that the IC focuses on those programs that have the most significant return and terminates or reduces those considered lower priority or not performing. For example, the Budget includes an initiative to transition to a more efficient space-based architecture that postures the IC for future capabilities.