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### CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER

## I. Purpose

This Directive establishes the authorities and responsibilities for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Chief Security Officer (CSO).

# II. Scope

- A. This Directive applies throughout DHS, except where exempt by statute. However, even exempted DHS Components will collaborate and participate in the efforts described herein to further DHS operational and organizational effectiveness and efficiency, and to ensure their security policies and procedures are in accord with DHS security objectives.
- B. DHS Management Directive 11000, Office of Security is hereby canceled.

#### **III.** Authorities

- A. Title 6, United States Code, Section 341, Under Secretary for Management
- B. Title 6, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 7.
- C. Secretary of Homeland Security Memorandum, March 3, 2004; Subject: Designation of the Chief Security Officer as Senior Agency Official.
- D. Delegation of Authorities from the Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Security to Chief Security Officer, Department of Homeland Security, March 13, 2006
- E. DHS Delegation 8150, "Delegation to Chief, Office of Security, of Determination Authority and Cognizant Security Authority"
- F. Secretary of Homeland Security Memorandum, March 24, 2005; Subject: Department of Homeland Security Special Access Programs.
- G. Secretary of Homeland Security Memorandum, dated November 14, 2006, and approved January 2, 2007; Subject: Counterintelligence Program for the Department of Homeland Security

H. DHS Management Directive 11080, Security Line of Business Integration and Management

# IV. Responsibilities

- A. The <u>DHS Chief Security Officer</u> is responsible for serving as the Secretary's representative for all security-related matters; advising the Secretary on security-related issues affecting DHS personnel, information technology and communications systems, facilities, property, equipment and other material resources; operational control and day-to-day activities of the Department's counterintelligence program; and providing direct security support and services for all DHS Components without a Component chief security officer. The CSO exercises the DHS-wide security program authorities in the areas of personnel security, physical security, administrative security, special security, counterintelligence operations, security-related internal investigations, and security training and awareness.
- B. <u>Component heads</u> are responsible for recognizing their shared, related, and inter-dependent responsibility to collaborate and deliver effective and efficient security services throughout the Department.
- C. <u>Component chief security officers</u> are responsible for serving as the principal advisor to the Component head on security issues and ensuring that security programs meet the mission requirements of the Department and its Components.
- D. The <u>CSO Council</u> is responsible for development of a Departmental security strategic plan and establishment of priorities for the security program.

# V. Policy and Requirements

- A. The CSO develops, implements, and oversees DHS security policies, programs, and standards; delivers security training and education to DHS personnel; and provides security support to DHS Components. Working with the CSO Council, the OCSO integrates all security programs used to protect the Department in a cohesive manner, increasing efficiency and enhancing the overall security of DHS.
- B. In the area of counterintelligence, CSO issues instructions related to the operational control and day-to-day execution of the counterintelligence program.
- C. Nothing in this Directive shall limit the authority of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) as prescribed by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended.

# VI. Questions

Address any questions or concerns regarding this Directive to the Office of the Chief Security Officer.

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