

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Funding Highlights:

- Provides \$52.6 billion in discretionary funding. This funding supports our national security goals and reflects a deliberative process to focus funding on the most critical capabilities, curtail personnel growth, and invest in more efficient information technology solutions.
- Continues to better integrate intelligence 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 in Afghanistan.
- Enhances cybersecurity 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 freezes Government personnel levels.
- Terminates or reduces lower priority operational and investment programs.

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 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 against lower priority missions, reducing facilities, and implementing “cloud computing.”

Reflecting the Administration’s commitment to transparency and open government, the Budget continues the practice begun in the 2012 Budget and discloses the President’s aggregate funding request for NIP. However, the details regarding the NIP budget remain classified; therefore, the President’s Budget does not publicly disclose detailed funding requests for intelligence activities. This chapter highlights key NIP-funded activities without specific funding information.

Advances National Security Goals

Integrates Intelligence. The IC will continue to improve intelligence integration to harness more efficiently and effectively the strengths and capabilities that are spread across 17 organizations. Through National Intelligence Managers and their associated Unifying Intelligence 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 Military Operations. The Budget supports the ability of the IC to play a key role in informing decision-makers at the strategic level and supporting the war fighter. Field commanders look to the IC for situational awareness, targeting support, and 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 Cybersecurity Capabilities and Safeguards Intelligence Networks. A secure U.S. information infrastructure—including IC telecommunications, computer networks and systems, and the data that reside on them—is critical to national security. Threats to information technology infrastructure endanger national and economic security and citizen privacy and are, therefore, an important policy focus of the Government. The NIP budget request supports Presidential cybersecurity priorities, including cybersecurity research and development. In addition, it supports the Senior Information Sharing and Safeguarding Steering Committee, which the President established by Executive Order 13587 to guide and prioritize Government-wide investments in classified networks. The Budget invests in 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 robust information sharing and collaboration with all customers. 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 NIP budget request achieves significant savings by implementing the Administration's Cloud First policy and the Campaign to Cut Waste.

Makes Difficult Cuts and Reforms

Reduces Contractor Workforce and Freezes IC Hiring. Consistent with Administration-wide

efforts to find savings in a tight fiscal environment, the Budget freezes IC Government personnel at 2012 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 that are not performing.

