

Open Security:

Open Source Software's Role in Government Cybersecurity

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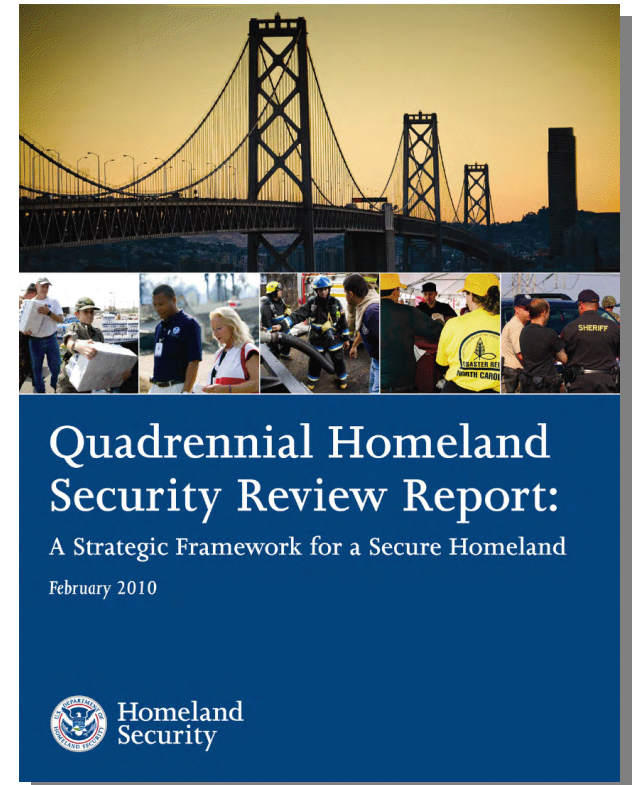


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DHS Mission: Secure and protect the **Homeland Security Enterprise**

- Federal, State, local, international government partners/stakeholders
- Private sector/commercial, Academic R&D, Development Communities
- Maintain safe, secure and resilient infrastructure, enable innovation, protect privacy and civil liberties



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Cybersecurity: A National Priority



“...cybersecurity (i)s one of the most serious economic and national security challenges we face as a nation, but one that we as a government or as a country are not adequately prepared to counter.”

President Obama

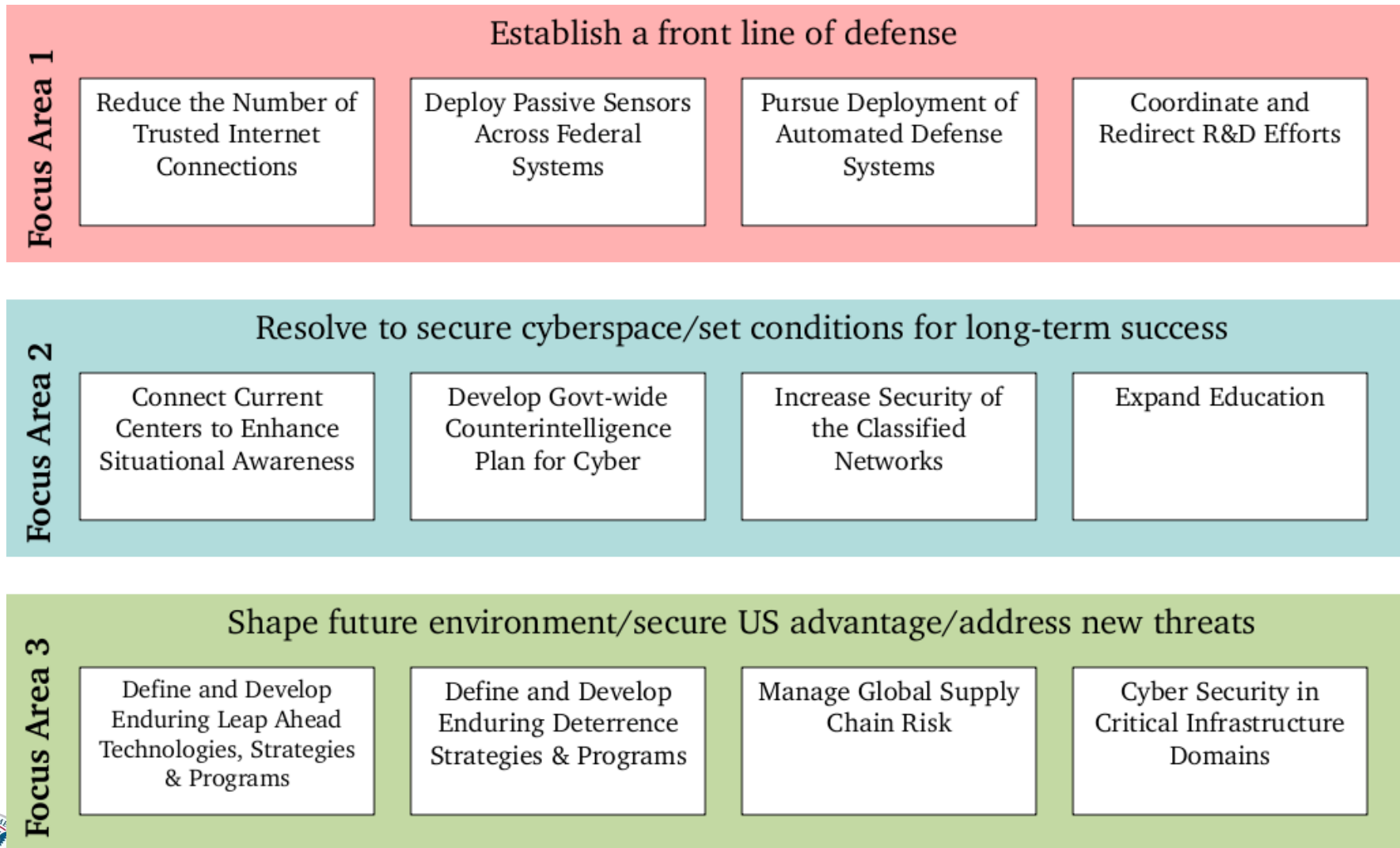
Cybersecurity is expensive, continuous, evolving, adaptive, essential.



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Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (CNCI)



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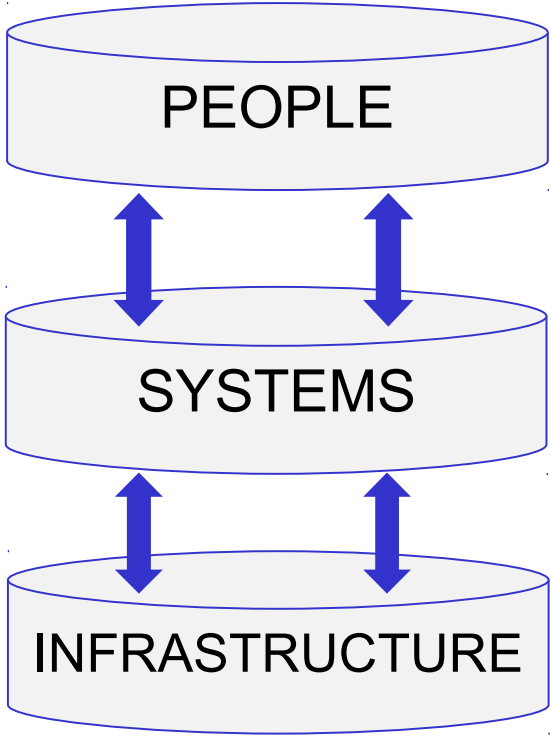
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<http://cybersecurity.whitehouse.gov>

DHS S&T Cyber Security Program

Cyber Economic Incentives
Moving Target Defense
Tailored Trustworthy Spaces
Leap Ahead Technologies
Transition To Practice

Software Quality Assurance
Homeland Open Security Technology
Experiments & Pilots
Assessments & Evaluations



Identity Management
Enterprise Level Security
Metrics & Usability
Data Privacy
Cyber Forensics
Competitions

Secure Protocols

Process Control Systems
Internet Measurement & Attack Modeling

RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

Experimental Research Testbed (DETER)
Research Data Repository (PREDICT)
Software Assurance Market Place (SWAMP)

Open Source Procurement



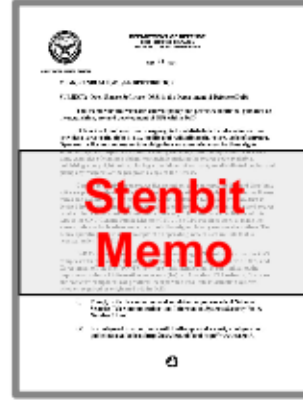
**MITRE
Bus Case**

July 2001



**Developing Open Source
Software to Advance
PITAC
HPC**

2001 - 03



**Stenbit
Memo**

May 2003



**OTD
Roadmap**

June 2006

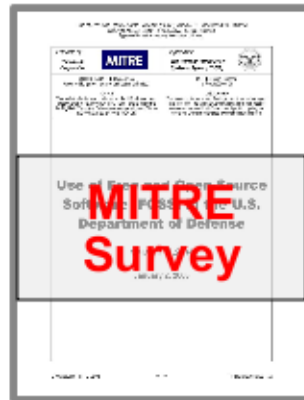


**OTD
Phase 2**

**Launched Oct
2009**



Jan 2003



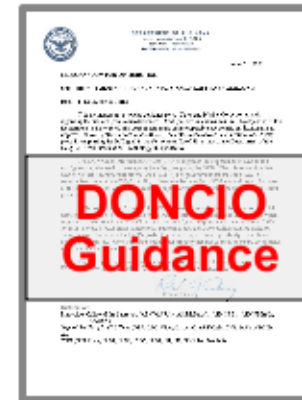
**MITRE
Survey**

July 2004



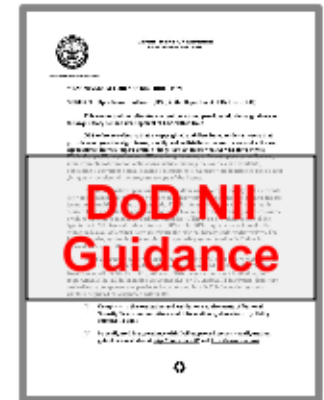
**OMB
Procurement
Memo**

June 2007



**DONCIO
Guidance**

Oct 2009



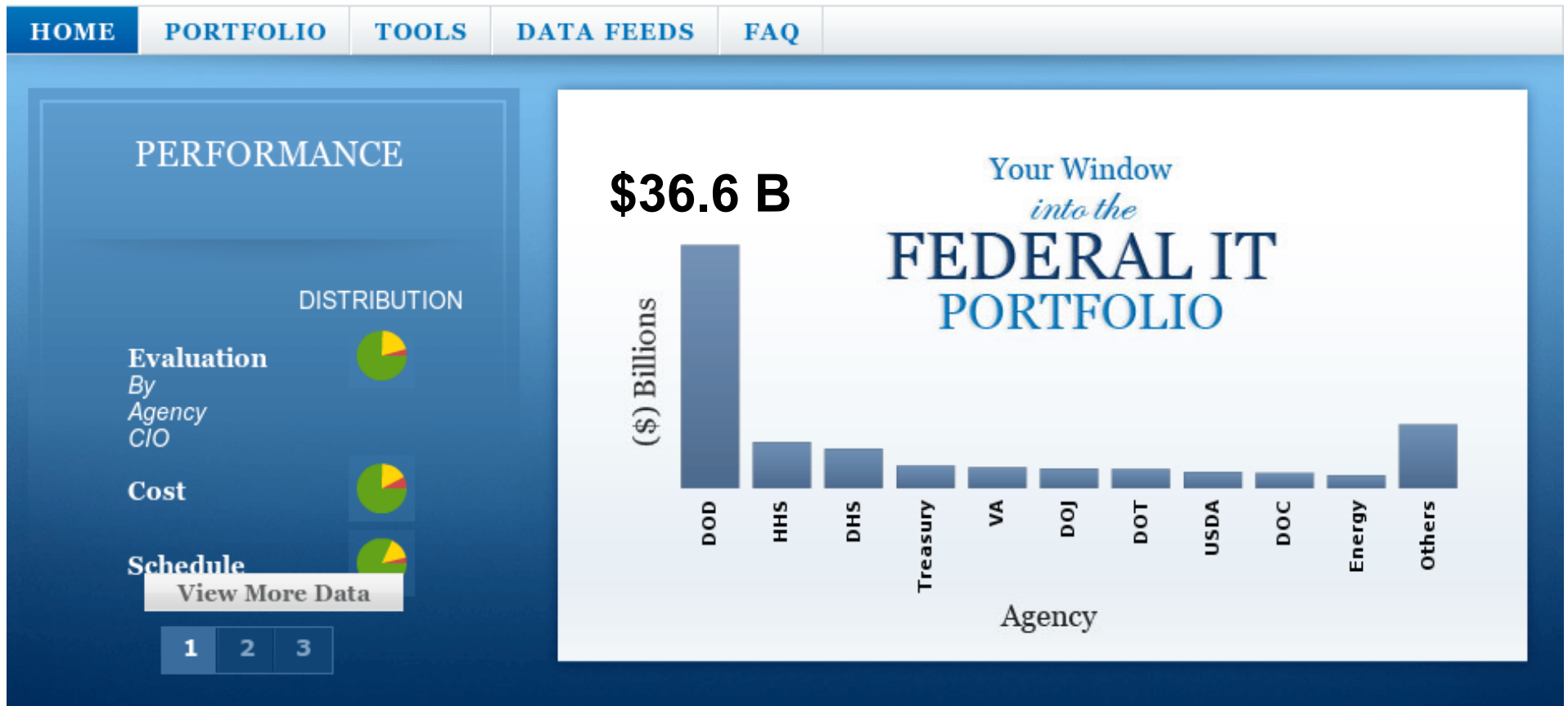
**DoD NII
Guidance**



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2012 Federal IT Budget

\$78,800,000,000



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Est **\$13,000,000,000** budgeted for federal cybersecurity over next five years.

Open Source Option

If **Open Source** enables technical agility, administrative flexibility and economic savings, then:

- How to leverage these benefits for Federal, state, local governments?
- What technical resources and support services are available?
- Is the technology secure? Has it been vetted?
- Who else in government is using it?
- Have acquisition, adoption policy issues been addressed?
- How to interact with “development community?”



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HOST Program

- **Homeland Open Security Technology** investigates open security methods, models and technologies to identify viable and sustainable approaches to cybersecurity objectives.
- Focus on cybersecurity (Open Security) solutions
- Priority to Federal, State and local governments

DISCOVERY – COLLABORATION – INVESTMENT



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HOST DISCOVERY

Identify existing resources, methods, techniques, practices

- Lessons Learned: Roadblocks and Opportunities for Open Source Software in U.S. Government
- Open Security Inventory
- OpenCyberSecurity.org Information Portal



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HOST DISCOVERY

- **Lessons Learned: Roadblocks and Opportunities for Open Source Software in U.S. Government**
 - 2012: Dr. David Wheeler, IDA; Tom Dunn, GTRI
 - Interviews with experts, suppliers and potential users
- **10 primary themes and recommendations included:**
 - Concerns about commercial support and warranties
 - Procurement practices, business models, acquisition policies
 - Need for guidance, education, legal/licensing, distribution
- **Recommendations included:**
 - White Papers, Case Studies, Best Practices
 - Guidance and documentation



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HOST INVESTMENT

Contribute seed investments in advanced R&D activities that produce sustainable project communities through broad adoption by public and private-sector use and support

- Suricata IDS Engine
- FIPS 140-2 Validated OpenSSL
- Government Open Technology Index
- Open Security Application Map



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HOST COLLABORATION

Establish public and private-sector research and development communities

- Open Information Security Foundation
- Government Strategic Council
- Round Table Summits
- Community Outreach



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SUMMARY

- Research is essential in driving innovation for current and future cybersecurity practices
 - DHS S&T continues with aggressive cybersecurity research agenda
 - Continue emphasis on collaboration, technology transfer and experimental developments
 - Open source is key part of whole program



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