



CHARTER of the
CYBER SECURITY AND INFORMATION ASSURANCE INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP
SUBCOMMITTEE ON NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

A. Official Designation

The Cyber Security and Information Assurance (CSIA) Interagency Working Group (IWG) is hereby established by action of the Subcommittee on Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Committee on Technology (CoT).¹

B. Purpose

The CSIA IWG coordinates NITRD agency research and development to deter, detect, prevent, resist, respond to, and recover from actions that compromise or threaten to compromise the availability, integrity, or confidentiality of computer- and network-based systems.

C. Objectives

- Coordinate Federal cybersecurity R&D programs and budgets through, for example, program and portfolio reviews agency presentations on developing programs, and agenda-building workshops.
- Identify cybersecurity R&D requirements across the Federal Government, and develop joint strategies for research.
- Support the execution of the 2016 Federal Cybersecurity R&D Strategic Plan:
 - Conduct joint planning (e.g., workshops, solicitations, proposal reviews).
 - Develop a joint research roadmap for the Strategic Plan.
 - Lead discussions on the Strategic Plan at academic workshops and conferences.

D. Functions

The CSIA IWG shall perform the following functions:

- Across-agency coordination:
 - Coordinate and collaborate across Federal agencies, other NITRD bodies, and other NSTC committees as appropriate on issues of mutual interest.

¹ The NSTC/CoT/NITRD was originally chartered on December 10, 1991. The most recent charter was signed July 10, 2013.

- Develop and maintain strong and forward-looking agendas that represent the current and future evolution of Information Technology Research and Development (IT R&D).
 - Identify interagency and cross-cut opportunities for collaboration, coordination, and leveraging among agencies in specific areas in IT R&D.
 - Provide a forum for agencies to exchange program-level information about agency activities (Annual Planning Meeting or Data Call).
 - Select and maintain collegial leadership and dynamic membership.
- Work with the NITRD Program:
 - Develop, maintain, and periodically update interagency short-, mid-, and/or long-range strategic plans and priorities.
 - Participate and support NITRD outreach (workshops, conferences, and other meetings) to support the IWG's agenda.
 - Prepare and maintain an active charter with a specific purpose and objectives.
 - Provide inputs to NITRD's annual Supplement to the President's Budget².
 - Provide inputs to NITRD's annual Activities Report summarizing the IWG's activities.
 - Schedule and participate in regularly scheduled and ad hoc meetings, and maintain documentation of the meeting discussions.
- Work with other stakeholders:
 - Assist and support the NITRD Subcommittee in responding to the recommendations of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and responding to inquiries from NSTC, Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Congress.
 - Provide inputs to NSTC strategic and Federal Plans when requested.

E. Membership

The following NITRD Member agencies are represented on the CSIA IWG³:

- Department of Commerce;
- Department of Defense;
- Department of Energy;
- Department of Health and Human Services;
- Department of Homeland Security;
- Department of Justice;

² The IWG's activities will be reported to the appropriate Program Component Areas (s) (PCAs).

³ Changes to membership may occur without requiring a charter amendment. After charter ratification, membership and changes to membership may be tracked in a separate document.

- Environmental Protection Agency;
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and
- National Science Foundation.

The following components of the Executive Office of the President may also be represented on the CSIA IWG:

- Office of Management and Budget; and
- Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Federal departments, agencies, and councils that participate in the CSIA IWG’s activities include:

- Department of State;
- Department of Transportation;
- Department of Treasury;
- Homeland Security Council;
- National Security Council; and

such other Executive organizations, departments, and agencies as the NITRD Subcommittee or IWG Co-chairs may designate as appropriate.

F. Leadership

The Co-chairs of the CSIA IWG shall be named and approved by the NITRD Subcommittee Co-chairs.

G. Private-Sector Interface

The CSIA IWG may work with appropriate private-sector⁴ entities, including the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, and will recommend to the NITRD Subcommittee the nature of any additional private-sector advice needed to accomplish its mission. The CSIA IWG may interact with and receive *ad hoc* advice from various private-sector groups, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

H. Resources

The NITRD NCO shall provide project management, technical, information technology/networking, and administrative support services to the CSIA IWG as part of its responsibilities to the NITRD Subcommittee.

I. Termination

Unless renewed by the Co-chairs of the NITRD Subcommittee prior to its expiration, the CSIA IWG shall terminate no later than December 30, 2017.

⁴ The Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., as amended, does not explicitly define “private sector”, but the phrase is generally understood to include individuals or entities outside the Federal government such as, but not limited to, the following: non-Federal sources, academia, State, local or tribal governments, individual citizens, the public, non-governmental organizations, industry associations, and international bodies.

J. Determination

I hereby determine that the establishment of the Cyber Security and Information Assurance Interagency Working Group is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by the Executive Branch by law, and that such duties can be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

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