

National Intelligence Program

The National Intelligence Program (NIP) funds the 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, analysis, and the dissemination of that intelligence to inform decision making at all levels of the U.S. Government, including the President, the heads of Executive Departments, military forces, and law enforcement agencies. IC efforts play a critical role in protecting American citizens and infrastructure, safeguarding the U.S economy, and furthering the national security agenda.

World events of the past year reflect the number and complexity of national security challenges facing our nation and its vital interests around the globe. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 NIP budget request supports U.S. national security goals, and positions the IC to meet the demands of the future. It reflects a coordinated effort to identify the most pressing national intelligence needs as well as areas to make informed reductions to mission capabilities. The FY 2016 budget request will begin adapting and reshaping the intelligence enterprise, repositioning the IC to meet new strategic challenges and opportunities for years to come.

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.

Funding Highlights:

- Provides \$53.9 billion in discretionary funding for the National Intelligence Program to support national security goals and reflect a deliberative process to focus funding on the most critical capabilities. This includes:
 - Sustaining key investments to strengthen intelligence collection and critical operational capabilities supporting counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and counterproliferation.
 - Protecting the IC's core mission areas and maintaining global coverage to remain vigilant against emerging threats.
 - Promoting increased intelligence sharing and advancing IC integration through continued investment in enterprise-wide capabilities and use of cloud technology to facilitate greater efficiency and improve the safeguarding of information across the intelligence information environment.
 - Identifying resources for strategic priorities, including advanced technology to improve strategic warning, evolved collection and exploitation capabilities, and increased resiliency.
 - Supporting ongoing Overseas Contingency Operations while adjusting to the changing defense force posture as directed by the President.

Reforms:

- Achieves savings by reducing lower-priority programs.

Sustains key investments to strengthen intelligence collection and critical operational capabilities supporting counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and counterproliferation. The IC continues to strengthen collection and lead operations to defeat al-Qa’ida and other violent extremists; identify and disrupt counterintelligence threats; prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and provide strategic warning to policymakers on issues of geopolitical and economic concern.

Protects the IC’s core mission areas and maintains global coverage to remain vigilant against emerging threats. The IC continues to lead operations to penetrate and analyze the most high-interest and difficult targets around the world. Beyond those efforts, it has also continued to provide global coverage to keep watch for new threats – whether political, economic, or military – and guard against intelligence surprise.

Promotes increased intelligence sharing and advances IC integration through continued investment in enterprise-wide capabilities and use of cloud technology to facilitate greater efficiency and improve the safeguarding of information across the intelligence information environment. IC investments will improve integration to more efficiently and effectively harness the strengths of programs that are spread across the 17 IC elements. The Budget expands the use of common, secure, shared IT capabilities and services in the IC by re-hosting more data and applications on the integrated cloud environment and increasing the number of common IC desktop users. The Budget continues to support the protection of the critical networks that facilitate IC information-sharing and operational requirements and places emphasis on accelerating various information protection and access-control mechanisms. The IC is working to ensure that intelligence information flows anywhere and anytime it is required by any authorized user, from the President to our troops on the ground.

Identifies resources for strategic priorities, including advanced technology to improve strategic warning, evolved collection and exploitation capabilities, and increased resiliency. The IC worked collaboratively to identify resources to focus against strategic priorities. Such investments will enable the IC to advance technology and evolve collection capabilities to exploit existing and future opportunities—from improved warning to next-generation technology applications and services. 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 ongoing Overseas Contingency Operations while adjusting to the changing defense force posture as directed by the President. 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.

Achieves savings by reducing lower-priority programs. Recognizing the challenges of this fiscal environment, the IC continues to review its operational, investment, and infrastructure programs to identify areas for savings. The NIP budget reflects a deliberative process to ensure that the IC focuses on those programs that have the most significant return on investment and terminates or reduces those considered lower priority or not performing.