

National Intelligence Program

Under the President's leadership, we have turned our economy around and created 14 million jobs. Our unemployment rate is below five percent for the first time in almost eight years. Nearly 18 million people have gained health coverage as the Affordable Care Act has taken effect. And we have dramatically cut our deficits by almost three-quarters and set our Nation on a more sustainable fiscal path.

Yet while it is important to take stock of our progress, this Budget is not about looking back at the road we have traveled. It is about looking forward and making sure our economy works for everybody, not just those at the top. It is about choosing investments that not only make us stronger today, but also reflect the kind of country we aspire to be – the kind of country we want to pass on to our children and grandchildren.

The Budget makes critical investments in our domestic and national security priorities while adhering to the bipartisan budget agreement signed into law last fall, and it lifts sequestration in future years so that we continue to invest in our economic future and our national security. It also drives down deficits and maintains our fiscal progress through smart savings from health care, immigration, and tax reforms.

The Budget shows that the President and the Administration remain focused on meeting our greatest challenges -- including accelerating the pace of innovation to tackle climate change and finding new treatments for devastating diseases; giving everyone a fair shot at opportunity and economic security; and advancing our national security and global leadership -- not only for the year ahead, but for decades to come.

The National Intelligence Program (NIP) funds Intelligence Community (IC) activities in six Federal Departments and two independent agencies: the Department of Defense, the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, the Department of Energy, the Department of Treasury, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The IC collects, analyzes, and disseminates intelligence to inform policy and operational decision making at all levels of the U.S. Government, including the President, the heads of Executive Departments, military forces, and law enforcement agencies. The IC also plays a critical role in counterterrorism activities and works to counter the actions of foreign intelligence services and other actors intent on harming U.S. interests. The IC's efforts, through their scope and reach, are essential to help protect American citizens and infrastructure, safeguard the U.S. economy, and further the national security agenda.

The President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Budget reflects the reality that world events and the pace of technological change continue to challenge our national security posture and policies, requiring an ongoing effort to develop and adjust strategies to deal with evolving and emerging threats. The Budget also reflects the need to make difficult choices in the context of resource constraints. Against this backdrop, the Budget supports U.S. national security goals and effectively balances capabilities and investments to respond to today's most pressing national intelligence needs and position the IC to meet strategic challenges and take advantage of new opportunities.

Reflecting the Administration's commitment to transparency and open government, this Budget continues the practice begun in 2012 of disclosing the President's aggregate funding request for the NIP. Because the details regarding the NIP portion of Budget remain classified, the Budget does not publicly disclose detailed funding requests for intelligence activities. The summary below, however, highlights and describes key NIP-funded activities.

Funding Highlights:

Provides \$53.5 billion in discretionary funding for the National Intelligence Program to support national security goals and focus 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 Intelligence Community's (IC) 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, enhanced collection and exploitation capabilities, and increased resiliency.
- Supporting ongoing Overseas Contingency Operations to respond to persistent and diverse threats while adjusting to the changing defense force posture as directed by the President.

Reforms:

- Achieves savings by ensuring that the IC focuses on those programs that have the most impact and highest priority.

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, including the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant; 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 focus on penetrating and analyzing the most high-interest and difficult targets around the world. In addition, 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 critical networks that facilitate IC information-sharing and operational requirements and emphasizes the implementation of 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 troops on the ground.

Identifies resources for strategic priorities, including advanced technology to improve strategic warning, enhance collection and exploitation capabilities, and increase resiliency. The IC has worked collaboratively to identify resources for strategic priorities. Such investments will enable the IC to advance technology and enhance 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 and on the ground. The IC provides situational awareness and other timely and actionable intelligence, particularly for force protection and targeting support. Operational planners look to the IC for adversary plans, intentions, and capabilities. Recognizing that this capability must keep pace with change, the Budget balances its focus between current, immediate needs for U.S. military forces engaged in operations and 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 Budget reflects the results of a deliberative process to ensure that the IC focuses on those programs that have the most impact and highest priority.