Election Infrastructure Subsector

EI Subsector Updates and NIPP Partnership Model Overview

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Election Infrastructure Subsector Designation

- Designated as a Critical Infrastructure Subsector 6 January, 2017 by former Secretary Jeh Johnson
  - Election Infrastructure (EI) = storage facilities; polling places; centralized vote tabulation stations; voting machines; and other associated systems
  - Designation affirmed by current administration in June 2017

- Designation enables DHS to prioritize assistance to state and local election officials who request it

- Subsector of Government Facilities Sector
  - National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) serves as the Sector-Specific Agency (SSA)
DHS Organization Chart

Secretary
Deputy Secretary

Chief of Staff

Executive Secretary
Military Advisor

Management Directorate

Science & Technology Directorate

National Protection & Programs Directorate

Office of Policy

Office of the General Counsel

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of Public Affairs

Office of the Inspector General

Chief Financial Officer

Office of Health Affairs

Office of Partnership & Engagement

Office of Intelligence & Analysis

Office of Operations Coordination

Citizenship & Immigration Services Ombudsman

Privacy Office

Office for Civil Rights & Civil Liberties

Domestic Nuclear Detection Office

Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers

U.S. Customs & Border Protection

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services

U.S. Coast Guard

Federal Emergency Management Agency

U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement

U.S. Secret Service

Transportation Security Administration
Critical Infrastructure Overview

- Defined in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP):
  - “Systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United States that the incapacity of destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters.”

- 16 Sectors defined in NIPP
  - Election Infrastructure is a Subsector of Government Facilities Sector
National Infrastructure Protection Plan

- Issued in response to Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21) on Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience
- Developed in collaborative process involving stakeholders from all 16 CI sectors, SLTT governments, and industry partners
- Provides an updated approach to critical infrastructure security and resilience
- Recognizes key roles and knowledge of CI owners and operators
- Integrates efforts by all levels of government, private, and nonprofit sectors
Each Sector has a GCC and SCC

Sector-Specific Agency (SSA) leads Federal involvement in security and resilience programs and associated activities

- DHS/NPPD is the EI SSA
NIPP Sector Partnership

- Critical infrastructure sector partners organize under the structure laid out in the NIPP
  - Sector Partnership benefits:
    - Prioritized assistance from Federal government for Sector/Subsector risk management efforts
    - Coordinated information sharing between Federal government, SLTT governments, and private sector partners
    - Voluntary participation
Sector Partnership Model

- Sectors and subsectors establish governance based on coordinating councils
  - Government Coordinating Council (GCC) – enables cross-jurisdictional and interagency coordination; government counterpart to SCC
  - Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) – industry’s principal entity for coordinating with government on CI issues
    - Self-organized, self-run, and self-governed
    - Broad representation of owners, operators, associations
EI Subsector Formation Update

- Election Critical Infrastructure Working Group (ECIWG)
  - Participants include organizational representatives from: National Association of Secretaries of State; National Association of State Election Directors; State and Local jurisdictions; DHS; Election Assistance Commission
  - Have been meeting to develop GCC Charter and membership governance structure
  - Official GCC formation/first meeting anticipated mid-October 2017
  - Initiatives: strategic planning and objectives; information sharing protocols; incident management protocols; tabletop exercise

- SCC formation
  - Met with voting system manufacturers in Anaheim, CA in August to gauge interest in participation