

The Defense Industrial Base Government Coordinating Council Charter

Article I – Official Designation

This organization will be known as the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) Government Coordinating Council (GCC). This Charter updates and replaces the February 26, 2018, DIB GCC Charter.

Article II – Mission and Purpose

The DIB is integral to U.S. national security. The DIB manufactures, delivers, and maintains most defense materiel, services, and weapons for the U.S. Armed Forces. DIB and other private entities are frequently at the cutting edge of emerging technologies, including cybersecurity and artificial intelligence, which will play increasingly vital roles in national security.

The GCC's mission is to improve DIB security and resilience, which is critical to achieving Department of Defense (DoD) national security goals and maintaining DoD's technology advantage. The GCC's purpose is to enable interagency, intergovernmental, and cross-jurisdictional coordination within and across sectors and partner with Sector Coordinating Councils (SCCs) on public-private efforts. The GCC provides a forum for government partners to share information, cooperate, and shape and monitor efforts to improve the security and resilience of the DIB sector. The GCC is the counterpart and partner to the private industry-led DIB SCC. Together, the two Councils work within the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) framework to pursue efforts to identify and share information on threats, assess and mitigate vulnerabilities, and monitor the security and resiliency of the DIB. CIPAC facilitates interactions between government representatives at the federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial levels and representatives from the community of critical infrastructure owners and operators to conduct deliberations that form consensus positions related to cybersecurity and infrastructure security matters to present to the federal government.

*Government and the
private sector share
common interests in
ensuring critical
infrastructure is
secure and resilient.*

Article III – Objectives and Scope of Activities

The GCC's objectives are to identify, evolve, and propagate ways and means to:

- Deepen understanding of DoD resilience priorities for and threats to DIB critical infrastructure;
- Assess and mitigate vulnerabilities; and
- Monitor the security and resilience of the DIB sector.

The scope of activities includes but is not limited to:

- Shaping and supporting sector efforts to plan, implement, and execute the Nation’s critical infrastructure security and resilience activities;
- Establishing, aligning, and monitoring government goals and priorities for the sector; and
- Facilitating coordination and implementation of Sector Specific Plans (SSPs), now Sector Risk Management Plans (SRMPs), as described in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP).

Article IV – Governance

The President, in National Security Memorandum 22 (NSM-22), “Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience,” designated the DoD as the DIB Sector Risk Management Agency (SRMA). In turn, per DoD Directive 3020.40, the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy has the responsibility for DoD tasks associated with NSM-22, including the responsibility for organizing, convening, and conducting activities of the DIB GCC, in coordination with other designated DoD officials. Section 1724 of the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, “Responsibility for cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection of the defense industrial base,” further designates roles and responsibilities within DoD.

The GCC recognizes that each member represents a government entity or organization with legal authorities, restrictions, and parameters within which they must operate. At times, these constraints may restrict a GCC member’s ability to provide concurrence in a decision.

Decision-making will be made through a consultative process, striving for consensus. Discussions and deliberations will recognize each member organization’s perspectives. If consensus is not achievable, the chair or his/her designee may direct action to fulfill the obligations of the GCC.

Article V – Membership and Member Representatives

Membership

The Assistant Secretary of Defense (ASD) for Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs (HD&HA) serves as GCC chair and SRMA Director and is responsible for identifying and organizing a representational council that includes appropriate Federal departments and agencies and state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government members.

With the principle of appropriate DIB sector representation in mind, organizational membership within the GCC is prescribed as follows:

- *Permanent Members:*
 - *Department of Defense*
 - *Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy*
 - *Office of the ASD(HD&HA), chair*
 - *Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment*

- *Office of the Director, Defense Contract Management Agency*
- *Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering*
- *Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness*
- *Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence & Security*
 - *Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency*
- *Office of the DoD Chief Information Officer*
 - *Chief Information Security Officer*
- *Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness*
- *Office of the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation*
- *Washington Headquarters Services*
- *United States Northern Command*
- *United States Cyber Command*
- *National Security Agency*
- *Defense Intelligence Agency*
- *Defense Threat Reduction Agency*
- *Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center*
- *Office of the Chief, National Guard Bureau*
- *Office of the Director of the Joint Staff*

- *Department of Homeland Security*
 - *Office of the Undersecretary for Policy*
 - *Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency*

- *Department of Justice*
 - *Federal Bureau of Investigations*

- *Department of Energy*

- *Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)*

- *Department of Commerce*

- *Department of the Treasury*

- *Department of State*

- *SLTT government representatives*

Subject Matter Experts

The GCC Chair may invite other government personnel to participate, as ad-hoc or ex-officio members or observers, when needed, to meet expertise requirements and/or to ensure representation where an entity's equities are involved. Ad-hoc or ex-officio membership may be withdrawn at any time at the discretion of the GCC Chair.

Member Representatives

Members of the Council may appoint one or more representatives or points of contact (POCs) to represent the Member at GCC activities. The Member will notify the Office of the ASD(HD&HA) of its representatives and/or POCs. Membership rosters will be maintained by the Office of the ASD(HD&HA).

Article VI – Meetings

The GCC will meet annually in person, with additional meetings and/or conference calls occurring monthly.

Article VII – Recordkeeping

It is the responsibility of the Office of the ASD(HD&HA) to provide executive secretariat support. The procedures for the handling, storage, and disposition of council records and other documentation are in accordance with Federal Records Management policy, as well as directives and guidelines for the DIB SRMA.

Article VIII – Communications

The GCC Chair will ensure appropriate communication mechanisms exist to share information among GCC members and to share information with appropriate counterparts and leadership of the DIB SCC, as applicable. The DIB GCC chair coordinates with the DIB Executive Steering Group which oversees DIB Cybersecurity (CS) activities as specified in DoDI 5205.13.

Article IX – Working Groups

The GCC may establish working groups when substantial efforts are required that cannot be practicably achieved with the GCC construct. All working groups will keep the GCC apprised of their activities and will provide periodic reports to the GCC. Through their primary or alternate representatives, each member agency may designate individuals to the working groups. GCC working groups will be subordinate to the GCC and have a clearly defined mission or scope.

When the DIB GCC and SCC form joint working groups, the GCC working group chair will work in close coordination with the corresponding SCC working group chair. Joint GCC/SCC working groups may be conducted under the CIPAC when established in compliance with requirements conveyed by DHS's CIPAC Designated Federal Officer (DFO) within the CIPAC Executive Secretariat.

Article X – CIPAC Membership and Representation

GCC Participation in CIPAC

The Secretary of Homeland Security established the CIPAC in March 2006 and exempted the CIPAC from the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

CIPAC facilitates interaction between government officials and representatives of the community of owners and/or operators for each critical infrastructure sector defined by NSM-22 and identified in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan. When participating in CIPAC activities, the GCC will comply with all requirements prescribed in the CIPAC Charter and guidance issued by the CIPAC DFO.

CIPAC Member and CIPAC Member Representative

CIPAC membership is defined in the CIPAC Charter. Each GCC Member organization will automatically be a CIPAC Member upon notification from the Co-Chair to the CIPAC Executive Secretariat/DFO via CIPAC@hq.dhs.gov, for posting to the publicly accessible CIPAC website.

A CIPAC member may have more than one CIPAC member representative. The member representative's name, title, organization/component, and contact information will be added to the CIPAC attendee roster upon notification to the CIPAC DFO by the council co-chair. A current GCC roster with each representative's name, title, organization/component and contact information should be submitted to the CIPAC Executive Secretariat/DFO at CIPAC@cisa.dhs.gov annually or as changes occur.

The Office of the ASD(HD&HA) will maintain a CIPAC member representative list.

Article XI – Amendments

The GCC may, at any time, amend this Charter and/or its annexes in writing, by consensus. If consensus is not achievable, a simple majority of members, with the concurrence of both co-chairs, may amend the Charter in writing. Only permanent GCC members may vote. The amended Charter will be forwarded to the CIPAC DFO for posting on the CIPAC public website.

Article XII – Duration

This Charter will be in effect for five years from the date of signing. If amended, the Charter will be in effect for five years after the amendment is approved.

Article XIII – Approval

The GCC has approved this Charter.



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