C3 VOLUNTARY PROGRAM

In February 2013, the President signed Executive Order (EO) 13636, *Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity and* Presidential Policy Directive (PPD)—21 *Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience.* The EO and PPD represent an integrated approach that strengthens the security and resilience of critical infrastructure against all hazards through an updated national framework that acknowledges the evolving risk environment and increased role of cybersecurity in securing physical assets.

As part of the EO, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) created the ***Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community C³ Voluntary Program*** to help improve the resilience of critical infrastructure cybersecurity systems by supporting and promoting the use of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework.

The ***C³ Voluntary Program*** is the coordination point within the Federal Government for critical infrastructure owners and operators interested in improving their cyber risk management processes. The (C³) Voluntary Program will:

1) Support industry in increasing its cyber resilience;
2) Increase awareness and use of the Framework; and
3) Encourage organizations to manage cybersecurity as part of an all hazards approach to enterprise risk management.

Critical Infrastructure

Ranging from emergency services and transportation systems to small and medium sized businesses, the U.S. critical infrastructure provides the essential services that underpin American society.

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- *Framework implementation guidance*
- *Focal point for resources and tools*
- *Relationship management*
- *Feedback collection*

Administration Policies

EO 13636 highlights the need for improved cybersecurity among critical infrastructure. PPD-21 calls for efforts to strengthen the physical and cyber security and resilience of our Nation's critical infrastructure.

Cybersecurity Framework

One of the major components of the EO is the development of the Framework by NIST to help critical infrastructure sectors and organizations reduce and manage their cyber risk as part of their approach to enterprise risk management.

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