



IT Mobilization Scoping Subcommittee Update

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Background

- In November 2013, the National Security Council Staff (NSCS) requested that the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) describe the needs, benefits, and operational efficacy of a national information technology (IT) mobilization capability to respond to a large-scale cyber incident. As a result, the IT Mobilization Scoping Subcommittee (ITMSS) was established.
- During its examination, the ITMSS will seek to:
 - Identify the critical commercial assets that would be helpful, if operationally coordinated, to defend against or thwart a massive cybersecurity incident against the Nation;
 - Determine the criteria or situations which might require such infrastructure to be mobilized;
 - Determine the operational methodology in which such assets could be mobilized to present a coordinated response for a determined amount of time; and
 - Identify the operational structure to coordinate such assets, including Government roles and responsibilities, as well as preparation, training for, and exercise of such contingencies.
- Ms. Renée James, Intel, and Mr. Glen Post, CenturyLink, are the ITMSS co-chairs.
- Mr. Steve Kelly, NSCS, and Dr. Michael Johnson, Office of Science and Technology Policy, are serving as the ITMSS' White House sponsors for the effort.

Activities to Date

- The ITMSS held its kickoff meeting on February 4, 2014. During the meeting, participants were joined by Ms. Roberta Stempfley, Acting Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications, Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Kelly and Dr. Johnson also provided comments and a tasking overview to help guide the ITMSS during its investigation. Subcommittee members discussed the tasking document and potential briefers.
- To inform its report, the ITMSS Subcommittee will meet with cross-industry leaders and subject matter experts on topics such as national continuity policies and existing mobilization plans. Upcoming briefings include:
 - February 18, 2014: Department of Homeland Security's Cyber Planning Framework;
 - February 25, 2014: Cyber Storm Exercises;
 - March 4, 2014: 2012 National Level Exercise; and
 - March 11, 2014: National Cyber Incident Response Plan.
- In addition, the ITMSS will schedule briefers from the United States Cyber Command J3- Operations, on cyber command operations, and J5- Plans and Policy, on cyber command mobilization policy.

Process and Timeline

- The subcommittee will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- The subcommittee aims to complete a draft scoping report by May 2014 and will present the report for the members' deliberation during the 2014 NSTAC Meeting on May 21, 2014.