



# National Infrastructure Protection Plan

## National Monuments and Icons Sector

Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (HSPD-7) identified 17 critical infrastructure and key resources (CI/KR) sectors and designated Federal Government Sector-Specific Agencies (SSAs) for each of the sectors. Each sector is responsible for developing and submitting Sector-Specific Plans (SSPs) and sector-level performance feedback to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to enable national cross-sector CI/KR protection program gap assessments. SSAs are responsible for collaborating with public and private sector security partners and encouraging the development of appropriate information-sharing and analysis mechanisms within the sector.

### Sector Overview

The National Monuments and Icons (NM&I) Sector encompasses a diverse array of assets located throughout the United States and its Territories. While many of these assets are listed in either the National Register of Historic Places or the List of National Historic Landmarks, all share three common characteristics: (1) they are a monument, physical structure, object, or geographic site; (2) they are widely recognized to represent the Nation's heritage, traditions, or values, or widely recognized to represent important national cultural, religious, historical, or political significance; and (3) their primary purpose is to memorialize or represent some significant aspect of the Nation's heritage, tradition, or values, and to serve as points of interest for visitors and educational activities.

NM&I Sector assets are all physical structures, objects, or geographic sites. Included as part of each asset are the operational staff and visitors that may be impacted by an attack on the asset. There are minimal cyber and

telecommunications issues associated with this sector because of the nature of the assets. There may be some information technology or telecommunications systems utilized at a few of the assets that will be considered during the vulnerability assessment process and the protective program implementation as appropriate. Some physical structures that could be considered as monuments or icons (e.g., Golden Gate Bridge, Sears Tower, Hoover Dam, U.S. Capitol) have been determined to be more appropriately assigned to other sectors, such as Transportation Systems, Commercial Facilities, Dams, and Government Facilities, because of their primary purpose. The NM&I Sector-Specific Plan is primarily focused on the identification, assessment, prioritization, and protection of nationally significant NM&I that may be attractive terrorist targets.

## Selected Initiatives

- The Department of the Interior is currently working with DHS to develop a framework to establish relationships and communications channels with all State and local stakeholders.
- Develop a lessons learned program to share information across the NM&I Sector using the NM&I Sector Web site.
- Develop an awareness program for stakeholders to identify suspicious behavior and a reporting system.
- Identify cyber and telecommunications components that exist at each NM&I asset.
- Develop a checklist of required parameters for a data call to allow stakeholders to assist in detailed consequence analyses and risk calculations.
- Allow State homeland security advisors and other State and local personnel access to the NM&I methodology to perform vulnerability assessments for regional assets.



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