

## **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 October 24, 2006, DIB GCC Charter.

### **Article II – Mission and Purpose**

The mission of the GCC is to improve the security and resilience of the Defense Industrial Base (DIB), especially those entities that have been identified by DoD as critical infrastructure. The purpose of the GCC 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) to pursue efforts to identify and share information on threats, assess and mitigate vulnerabilities, and monitor the security and resiliency of the DIB.

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

Background: The DIB is integral to U.S. national security. The DIB manufactures, delivers, and maintains the majority of 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 cyber and artificial intelligence, which will play increasingly vital roles in national security.

### **Article III – Objectives and Scope of Activities**

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

- Deepen understanding of 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 efforts;

- Establishing and monitoring government goals and priorities for the sector; and
- Facilitating coordination and implementation of the sector specific plan.

## **Article IV – Governance and Officers**

### ***Governance***

The President, in Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21), “Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience,” designated the Department of Defense (DoD) as the Sector Specific Agency (SSA) for the DIB. In turn, per DoD Directive 3020.40, the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy has the responsibility for DoD tasks associated with PPD-21, including the responsibility for organizing, convening, and conducting activities of the DIB GCC, in coordination with other designated DoD officials.

As specified in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP), the DIB GCC will be co-chaired by DoD and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security (ASD(HD&GS)) and the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the Office of Infrastructure Protection (AS/IP) will serve as the co-chairs. The co-chairs will facilitate the decision-making process to improve preparedness of the sector, using standard business practices.

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 possible, the co-chairs or his/her designees may direct action within the authorities of their departments to fulfill the obligations of the GCC. The ASD(HD&GS), in consultation with the Members, as necessary, will identify the means by which each decision will be communicated to appropriate government or private sector entities.

## **Article V – Membership and Member Representatives**

### ***Membership***

The ASD(HD&GS) serves as the lead for this effort 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 representation of the DIB sector in mind, organizational membership within the GCC is prescribed as follows:

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

- *Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy)*
- *Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations, and Environment)*
- *Office of the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy*
- *Office of the Director, Defense Contract Management Agency*
- *Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness*
- *Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence*
  - *Defense Security Service (DSS)*
- *Office of the DoD Chief Information Officer*
- *Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness*
- *Office of the Chief, National Guard Bureau*
- *Director of the Joint Staff*
  
- *Department of Homeland Security*
  - *Office of the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for National Protection and Programs Directorate*
  - *Office of Infrastructure Protection, co-chair*
  
- *Department of Justice*
  - *Federal Bureau of Investigations*
  
- *Department of Energy*
  
- *Department of Commerce*
  - *Office of Technology Evaluation, Bureau of Industry and Security*
  
- *Department of the Treasury*
  - *Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection & Compliance Policy*
  
- *Department of State, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs*
  - *Office of Plans, Policy, and Analysis*
  
- *SLTT government representatives*

### ***Additional Members***

The GCC Co-Chairs may invite other government personnel to participate on the Council, 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 Co-Chairs.

### ***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&GS) of its representatives and/or POCs. Membership rosters will be maintained by the Office of the ASD(HD&GS).

## **Article VI – Meetings**

The GCC will meet annually in the greater Washington, DC, metropolitan area, with additional meetings and/or conference calls as needed.

## **Article VII – Recordkeeping**

It is the responsibility of the Office of the ASD(HD&GS) 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 SSA.

## **Article VIII – Communications**

The GCC Co-Chairs 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.

## **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***

As explained in the current CIPAC Charter, 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 PPD-21 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 DFO via [CIPAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CIPAC@hq.dhs.gov).

A CIPAC Member may have more than one CIPAC Member Representative. The Member Representative's name and contact information will be added to the CIPAC Attendee Roster upon notification to the CIPAC DFO by the Council Co-Chair via [CIPAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CIPAC@hq.dhs.gov).

The Office of the ASD(HD&GS) 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 possible, 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 DHS 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.