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President's Budget Allocates \$14B to Cybersecurity

On Monday, February 2, 2015, The White House released President Barack Obama's [Fiscal Year 2016 \(FY 2016\) budget proposal](#). The President's proposal calls for \$14 billion in cybersecurity funding for what it describes as strategic investments in critical initiatives and research. The FY 2016 request is \$1 billion more than was requested in FY 2015 for cybersecurity spending.

A significant portion of the \$14 billion requested - **\$5 billion** – would be allocated to the **Department of Defense**. In addition, the President's FY 2016 Budget Proposal includes:

- **\$582 million to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for securing federal networks** - This funding would allow DHS to lead the implementation of the Continuous Diagnostics & Mitigation (CDM) program, which assists agencies in managing cybersecurity risks, and supports the deployment of a program known as "Einstein" which allows agencies to detect and prevent evolving cyber threats.
- **\$149 million for private sector outreach** – This funding would be provided to a variety of federal government agencies to support "ongoing proactive efforts to improve the cyber security posture of our private sector partners."
- **\$243 million for R&D** – This funding will support research and development by civilian agencies to support cybersecurity technologies.
- **\$514 million to the Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute cyber crime** – The budget proposed this funding to DOJ to support the investigation and prosecution of cyber intrusions that pose a threat to national security and/or economic stability.
- **\$227 million for a Federal Civilian Cyber Campus** – This funding would allow for the first phase of construction of a facility where the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI would work together on cyber missions. The goal of this campus is to promote inter-agency cooperation and efficiency, while also allowing for collaboration with the private sector.

- **\$35 million for enhanced cyber intelligence** – This funding would support improvements in cyber intelligence integration, analysis, and planning across a variety of federal agencies.

Additional information on the President’s budget request for cybersecurity investment is available in this [White House Fact Sheet](#). If you’d like more information on any of these proposals, please contact Emily Heisig at eheisig@newenglandcouncil.com or Taylor Pichette at tpichette@newenglandcouncil.com.