Information Management Governance Council

On December 7, 2009, the Deputy Secretary of Energy directed the creation of a new cyber security governance structure for the Department, including the establishment of the Cyber Security Governance Council (CSGC or Council). The Council’s primary objectives include ensuring that cyber security for the DOE enterprise is aligned with Departmental missions, and ensuring that cyber security program and policy elements are created and managed with involvement and input from the field.

Information Management Governance Council (IMGC)

Formerly called the Cyber Security Governance Council (CSGC), was announced in Deputy Secretary Daniel Poneman’s memorandum of December 7, 2009, titled, Cyber Security Management. The Governance Council was formed to reflect the shared responsibility for cyber security, and information management writ large, among the Under Secretaries and the Chief Information Officer (CIO). The Governance Council oversees the management of the Department’s Cyber Security Program and works to ensure that cyber security is aligned with Departmental missions and management principles.

As stated in the Deputy Secretary’s December 7, 2009 memo “Cyber Security Management,” the Council’s primary objectives include:

- Overseeing the development and management of the DOE cyber security strategy, architecture, and program.
- Assuring that the DOE cyber security program is aligned with DOE missions and management principles.
- Guiding DOE cyber security efforts to apply national standards and requirements.
- Interacting with and providing guidance to the DOE Chief Information Security Officer (CISO).
- Considering broader issues of information technology (IT), DOE-wide vs. program-specific platforms, and the role of the CIO, as appropriate.

The Governance Council is comprised of the three Under Secretaries, the CIO, the Director of the Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence and the Chief, Health, Safety and Security are advisory members. Each full member may have a Representative (IMGC-R) serve in an advisory capacity. Currently, the Administrator for NNSA serves as the chairperson.

Information Management Governance Council – Advisory Group (IMGC-AG)

The “Cyber Security Management” memo also directed that an IMGC Advisor Group (IMGC-AG) comprised of one CIO representing the Science Laboratories, one CIO representing the NNSA Laboratories, one CIO representing the Energy Laboratories, and one CIO representing the NNSA Plants.

The IMGC-AG is responsible for:
1. Provide input and recommendations for new or revised cyber security policy.

2. Provide recommendations to the IMGC on the applicability, mission impact, and cost-benefit of proposed, new or revised cyber security laws, regulations, policy, requirements, data calls, etc.

**Information Management Governance Council Representatives (IMGC-R)**

There are four IMGC Representatives (IMGC-R) who serve the three Under Secretaries and the CIO as their participating staff members at all IMGC meetings. The IMGC Reps also represent the interests of their principals and Under Secretarial organizations at all Council-related meetings and discussions whenever the CIO and Under Secretaries cannot be present.

The four IMGC Reps meet weekly to discuss status and progress of work underway in support of Council activities.

The IMGC-Reps are responsible for:

1. Serve as subject matter expert staff for the IMGC and support activities necessary for DOE Cyber Security Program development and implementation.

2. Provide input and recommendations for new or revised cyber security policy.

3. Provide recommendations to the IMGC on the applicability, mission impact, and cost-benefit of proposed, new or revised cyber security laws, regulations, policy, requirements, etc.

In addition, there is a **Working Group (IMGC-WG)** that is comprised of the IMGC Representatives (IMGC-R) and the IMGC Advisory Group (IMGC-AG). This group provides a forum to discuss issues that affect both Federal and contractor constituents.

**The Project Management Office (PMO)**

Within IM-30, the Project Management Office (PMO) was established as is an informal office which was initially intended to coordinate the activities and deliverables of the IMGC and its advisory bodies. Key outcomes and outputs of the PMO include the development of the Department’s Cyber Security policy, development of a common view of budget definitions, drafting of a strategic plan, and development of an architecture framework. Support for the IMGC continues to be a primary function for the PMO; however, the PMO’s role has expanded to include all projects within IM-30. This includes projects supporting current and ongoing efforts in policy development, Incident Management, Training and Awareness, and Data Collection and Analysis program areas.