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The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Completes Review of Office of the DNI's Oversight of IC Major System Acquisition Cybersecurity Risks

(November 2019) The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) recently completed a review by its Inspections and Evaluations Division of the efficiency and effectiveness of the existing authorities, policies, and processes applicable to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence's (ODNI's) oversight of Intelligence Community (IC) Major System Acquisitions (MSA) cybersecurity risks (INS-2019-003).

Cybersecurity is one of the most important priorities for the United States, including the need to address cybersecurity risks throughout the acquisition lifecycle. For example: (1) key elements of the *National Cyber Strategy of the United States of America* released by the White House in September 2018 include promoting full-lifecycle cybersecurity; (2) in the 2017 *Annual Report to Congress on IC Program Management Plans* for IC MSAs, the ODNI identified specific acquisition process improvements to address potential MSA cybersecurity and supply chain vulnerabilities; and (3) one of the first foundational priorities of the *IC2025 Vision and Foundational Priorities Overview* includes Comprehensive Cyber Posture as a key IC initiative to enable mission. In response to the criticality of cybersecurity, the ICIG conducted this review.

The ICIG's review determined that the ODNI has issued policies and identified processes to address elements of cybersecurity risk identification and mitigation; however, the ODNI's oversight process does not ensure that all appropriate ODNI stakeholders receive key programmatic information related to MSA cybersecurity. Recent initiatives such as the *Improving Cybersecurity for the Intelligence Community Information Environment (IC IE) Implementation Plan*, and updates to *IC MSA Risk Identification and Mitigation Plans*, and *Vulnerability Assessments* have increased the focus on cybersecurity and, when fully implemented, should significantly improve the IC cybersecurity posture. In conjunction with these initiatives, the ICIG made six findings with associated recommendations to assist in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of MSA cybersecurity throughout the acquisition lifecycle.

Although the relevant DNI stakeholders suggested modifications to the report, they did not formally non-concur with the report's recommendations.

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