

Critical Manufacturing
Government Coordinating Council
Charter

Article I – Official Designation

The official designation of this Council is the “Critical Manufacturing Sector Government Coordinating Council,” herein after referred to as the “GCC.”

Article II – Mission and Purpose

The mission and purpose of the GCC is to provide effective coordination of Critical Manufacturing security and resilience strategies and activities, policy, and communication across government and between the government and the sector to support the Nation’s homeland security mission. It acts as the counterpart and partner to the private industry-led Critical Manufacturing Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) to plan, implement, and execute sufficient and necessary sector-wide security and resilience programs for the Nation’s Critical Manufacturing facilities and other infrastructure assets within the Critical Manufacturing Sector.

Article III – Objectives and Scope of Activity

The Council coordinates strategies, activities, policies, and communications across governmental entities within the sector, and also reaches out across the national partnership structure defined in *NIPP 2013: Partnering for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience*¹ and other policy documents in coordination with the Critical Manufacturing SCC.

The scope of activity of the Council includes, but is not limited to:

- Serve as an effective mechanism to increase the amount of coordination and information sharing among member agencies across various levels of government;
- Work together to promote continuous improvement of security and resilience efforts within the sector as national and sector goals and priorities are addressed;
- Promote adoption and implementation of physical and cyber risk management processes, best practices, and use of innovative methods across the sector;
- Identify and utilize information-sharing capabilities and mechanisms that are most appropriate for state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) entities; and
- Coordinate efforts of the sector to plan, implement, and execute the Nation’s critical infrastructure security and resilience mission; establish sector goals and priorities and report on the progress made for addressing them as well as the applicable national priorities.

¹ For the text of NIPP 2013, see

[http://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/NIPP%202013 Partnering%20for%20Critical%20Infrastructure%20Security%20and%20Resilience 508 0.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/NIPP%202013%20Partnering%20for%20Critical%20Infrastructure%20Security%20and%20Resilience%20508%200.pdf)

Article IV – Membership and Member Representatives

GCC permanent membership is composed of government departments or agencies that have an interest in or have responsibility for security and resilience of the Critical Manufacturing community, to include associated supply chains. To allow for broad participation, permanent membership resides with the department or agency rather than the representatives. Each member, department, or agency shall have a primary and an alternate representative to the GCC. Primary agency representatives will be key representatives and influential leaders.

The Secretariat will maintain a list serve of Council members, which any member may use as deemed appropriate.

Article V – Governance and Officers

The Council will make decisions through a consultative process, encourage the exchange of information and points of view, and strive for consensus. The Council recognizes that each member represents a government entity or organization with inherent legal authorities and parameters within which they must operate. At times, these authorities may restrict a member's ability to provide agreement on a decision. These inherent legal authorities must be clearly articulated so to be understood by the Council as the basis for dissent and the inability to enter into consensus.

The Council also recognizes that members may not always have a stake in every issue discussed. Any member may abstain from voting if their programs or authorities are not involved, thereby deferring to members who have specific competence in the issue at hand.

Officers

The Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection or his/her designee chairs the CM GCCs. He or she will work in consultation with Council membership to reach consensus on Council business and, through this process, identify the means by which each decision will be communicated to appropriate government or private sector entities.

Article VI – Meetings

The Council will meet through virtual means and in-person jointly with the SCC at the CM Security Conference and Road Show.

- All members must be working towards the same goal and purpose of improving the security of the Nation's Critical Manufacturing Sector;
- The GCC will hold its discussion for set amount of time or upon agreement/closure, bringing in Subject Matter Experts as needed; and
- All members are responsible for obtaining and maintaining, the appropriate security clearances required for discussing and sharing sensitive but unclassified and classified information.

Article VII – Communications

The Council Chairperson will ensure a communication mechanism exists for sharing information among Council membership, and to share information with appropriate counterparts and leadership of the Critical Manufacturing SCC, as applicable.

Article VIII – Working Groups and Special Committees

Subcommittees, working groups and/or special committees are established when substantial investigation, research, or other tasks are required which cannot be achieved at a regular GCC session. All products of the working groups will advise council members on various issues, directions, and processes. Through their primary or alternate representatives, each member agency may designate individuals to serve on workshops or act as subcommittees, working groups and/or special committee leads.

The Council establishes subcommittees, working groups and/or special committees that:

- Consist of personnel selected by the Council based on the issue under study and its scope;
- Have a specific and clearly defined mission and scope, time limit, and deliverable(s); and
- Select subcommittees, working groups and/or a special committee chair charged with ensuring that the subcommittee, working group and/or special committees achieves its mission and stays within scope.

Article IX – Amendments

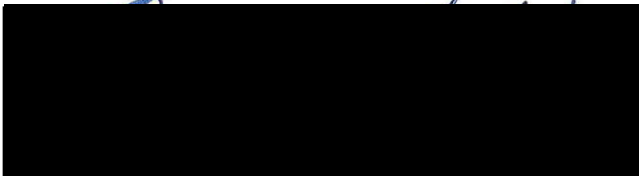
The Council may at any time amend this Charter by a consensus of the membership. The amended Charter shall be forwarded in a timely manner to the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) Designated Federal Officer for posting on the CIPAC public website.

Article X – Duration

This Charter shall be in effect from the date of signing. If amended, the Charter shall be in effect after the amendment is approved. The Council shall review annually and propose changes as necessary for consideration.

Article XI – Approval

The Council approved this Charter on February 06, 2018 according to Council procedures, as attested to by the following authority.



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