

Presidential Transition Strategic Issue Paper Topic List

The following table lists the Strategic Issue Paper topics approved by the DMAG on August 10, 2016 as well as recommended co-leads for each topic. In addition to co-leads, the PTO is also identifying recommended and requested consultations with other Components and Offices, which will be included in the advance notification and formal tasker once approved by the Secretary. The co-leads for each topic are responsible for coordinating input from other stakeholders.

DMAG feedback on the process and the outcome was positive. The DMAG approved the initial list of 30 strategic issue papers and requested the changes listed below. All requested changes were accepted by the PTO and are reflected in the table.

- OGC –

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- USCG –

- Requested specific co-lead assignment to:
 - Combating Transnational Criminal Organizations
 - Coast Guard Recapitalization
 - Arctic and Polar Issues
 - Cybersecurity
 - Armed Service Secretary Roles and Responsibilities
- Requested to consult on 10 other issue papers

- TSA –

- Requested a correction to the title of the “Enhancing Aviation Security” paper to “Enhancing International Aviation Security”
- Requested addition of a paper on REAL ID

- ICE –

- Requested the ICE’s LE pay issue be included in the “Hiring and Recruitment” paper
- Requested addition of a paper on “Countries That Fail to Cooperate in the Repatriation of Their Citizens”

- Requested addition of a paper on “Immigration Data Modernization and Governance”
- I&A –
 - Supported the following PTO recommendations from the “Additional Topics for Consideration” list
 - Significant Litigation
 - Unity of Effort
 - NCR Consolidation
 - Congressional Oversight
- CBP –
 - Supported all PTO recommended “Additional Topics for Consideration”
- FEMA –
 - Requested additional papers on the Disaster Relief Fund and the National Flood Insurance Program
- USCIS –
 - Requested the paper on Central American Minors and Unaccompanied Alien Children be separated into two separate papers

Strategic Issue Papers		
Policy and Operations		
Topic	Co-Lead	Co-Lead
Counterterrorism	I&A	CBP
Security and Facilitation of Travel	CBP	TSA
Immigration Overview	PLCY	USCIS
Persistent Threats to Transportation Security	TSA	CBP
(b)(5)	NPPD	OGC
ICE Enforcement Areas of Focus	ICE	CBP
Countering Violent Extremism	OCP	PLCY
Screening and Vetting	PLCY	USCIS
National Preparedness System	FEMA	NPPD

Emerging Infectious Disease, Biological, and Chemical Threats	OHA	CBP
Combating Transnational Criminal Organizations	USCG	CBP
Enhancing International Aviation Security	TSA	PLCY
Preventing Nuclear Terrorism	DNDO	S&T
Watchlisting Overview	PLCY	USCIS
(b)(5)	OGC	FEMA
DHS Big Data	OCIO	S&T
Enforcement, Facilitation, and Security of Trade	CBP	ICE
Insider Threat and Integrity Management Programs	CSO	I&A
Countries That Fail to Cooperate in the Repatriation of Their Citizens	ICE	PLCY
Central American Minors Program	USCIS	CBP
Unaccompanied Alien Children	USCIS	CBP
Refugee Processing and Vetting	USCIS	I&A
Arctic / Polar Issues	USCG	S&T
Information Sharing with Foreign Partners	PLCY	I&A
Real ID	PLCY	TSA
Management and Resources		
Topic	Co-Lead	Co-Lead
Border Security and Migration (trends, strategy, technology, statistics)	CBP	ICE

Detention Bed Space and Cost	ICE	CFO
Coast Guard Recapitalization	USCG	CFO
Immigration Data Modernization and Governance	ICE	CBP
FY18 Budget Development Plan	CFO	PLCY
Significant Litigation	OGC	CBP
National Flood Insurance Program	FEMA	CFO
Unity of Effort	MGMT	JRC
NCR Consolidation / St. Elizabeth Campus	CRSO	CFO
Congressional Oversight	OLA	CFO
Disaster Relief Fund	FEMA	CFO
Armed Service Secretary Role and Responsibilities	USCG	MilAide Office
Employees and Engagement		
Topic	Co-Lead	Co-Lead
Insider Threat and Integrity Management Programs (discipline, polygraph, use of force, complaint system)	CSO	I&A
Hiring and Recruitment (includes TSA, CBP and USSS-specific hiring and pay issues – addt'l pages allowed)	CHCO	CSO
Employee Engagement	CHCO	N/A