

private engagement with all critical infrastructure sectors. The Secretary also develops a national plan in coordination with Sector-Specific Agencies (SSAs) and other critical infrastructure partners, and integrates and coordinates Federal cross-sector security and resilience activities.

SSAs have a variety of duties and roles in addressing threats to each critical infrastructure sector. Among these duties is coordinating and cooperating with DHS and other SSAs, including the Departments of Justice, State, Defense, Commerce, and Interior, as well as the Director of National Intelligence. **IAJ**

White House Releases Executive Order for Improving Cybersecurity

On February 12, the Obama Administration released their Executive Order for improving critical infrastructure cybersecurity. The order creates a policy for addressing cyber intrusions into U.S. critical infrastructure, and enhances the security and resilience of that infrastructure. Critical infrastructure includes national security, economic security, and public health and safety systems. The order also increases the volume, timeliness, and quality of cyber threat information sharing between intelligence and law enforcement entities, while protecting intelligence and law enforcement sources, methods, operations, and investigations.

The new order increases intergovernmental and interagency cooperation, and strengthens U.S. government partnerships with private sector entities. It also establishes a consultative process that requires the coordination of relevant councils, critical infrastructure owners and operators, various agencies, universities, experts, and state, local, territorial, and tribal governments. **IAJ**

Interagency Health Operations Essential to National Security

In a recent interview, Dr. Charles Beadling, director of the Department of Defense Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine, stated that global health operations have an important role in U.S. national security. “We do feel that there is a strong link between global health engagement and security,” said Beadling, who noted that such efforts reduce insurgency and terrorism.

The Center focuses on the development end of the “three Ds” – diplomacy, defense, and development – and operates under the premise that health is “a global common good.” Beadling also stated that while the Center is still in its early stages of development, it is imperative that they work in close coordination with the U.S. State Department, U.S. Agency for International Development, the United Nations, and nongovernmental organizations to achieve the Center’s mission.

The Center’s Emergency Management and Preparedness Program implemented their first program in Mozambique, in December 2012. **IAJ**