Defining our most important public assets

InfraGard engages subject matter experts and addresses threat issues across each of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors recognized by Presidential Policy Directive-21 (PPD), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP).

Critical infrastructures are those systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United States that their incapacity or destruction would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters, as defined in Section 1016(e) of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, 42 U.S.C. § 5195c(e).

Key resources are publicly or privately controlled resources essential to the minimal operations of the economy and government. The destruction of these individual targets would not endanger security on a national scale, but would create local disaster or profoundly damage national morale, as defined in Section 2(9) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. § 101(9).

Membership Requirements:

- U.S. citizen, 18 years or older
- Affiliated with a critical infrastructure sector
- Consent to and pass FBI security risk assessment and periodic recertifications
- Agree to adhere to InfraGard Code of Ethics and Information Sharing Policies

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Partnership is our key resource in protecting our national security interests.

As Americans, our lifestyle, economy, and national security are supported by a complex framework of businesses and services. The central role of these critical infrastructures and key resources (CIKR), however, makes them especially vulnerable as targets for both physical and cyber attack.

The mission of the FBI is to protect the American people and uphold the U.S. Constitution… and our vision is to remain ahead of the threat through leadership, agility and integration. In an era where threats to our country and risks to private enterprise are escalating and intersecting, building mutual respect and cooperation between the FBI and the private sector has never been more important.

With the majority of infrastructure in the U.S. owned and operated by the public-private sector, cultivating information sharing partnerships that incorporate key industry stakeholders alongside law enforcement and government entities is crucial to protecting our most important public assets.

InfraGard provides a vehicle for seamless public-private collaboration with government that expedites the timely exchange of information and promotes mutual learning opportunities relevant to CIKR defense.

The InfraGard Members Alliance (IMA) enlists the knowledge base, and serves the interests of, a wide range of private sector partners who own, operate, and hold key positions within some 85 percent of the nation’s critical infrastructure.

With thousands of vetted members nationally, InfraGard’s subject matter experts include business executives, entrepreneurs, military and government officials, computer professionals, academia, and state and local law enforcement—each dedicated to contributing industry-specific insight and advancing national security. Through this partnership, the FBI gained an improved understanding of the threat-scape and rich source of intelligence.