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**Creation of New Information Sharing Steering Committee for the Intelligence Community**

The Director of National Intelligence, Mr. Mike McConnell, has announced the creation of a new Information Sharing Steering Committee (ISSC), which will move the Intelligence Community beyond the “need to share” philosophy, and more to a “responsibility to provide.” The Information Sharing Steering Committee will develop the coordinated position for information sharing activities within the Intelligence Community (IC). The ISSC will work to improve the sharing of information with organizations outside of the Intelligence Community to support efforts to establish the Information Sharing Environment (ISE).

“This challenge to provide relevant, timely, and accurate information to those who need it assumes that we are a Community that shares information,” said Director McConnell. “While we achieved significant milestones in this regard over the past couple of years, we have much work yet to do. We still need a high degree of coordination and interaction to improve our collective intelligence capability.”

Director McConnell appointed Dale Meyerrose, an Associate Director of National Intelligence, as the Intelligence Community Information Sharing Executive and ISSC Chairman. Mr. McConnell has called for senior leaders across the Intelligence Community to designate an Information Sharing Executive to represent their organization on the Committee.

ISSC participants will facilitate, direct action, and provide a collaboration venue for information sharing issues including policy, budget, process, and technology. Committee members will use the existing Intelligence Community governance structure to the greatest extent possible, rather than create a host of working groups and committees.

“The Information Sharing Steering Committee will ensure that we continue to effectively support the efforts of the Program Manager to establish the Information Sharing Environment and our participation in government information sharing forums,” stated Director McConnell.

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