POLICY AND GUIDANCE (ISR)

Information derived from global integrated intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) assets is used on a daily basis by senior leadership to formulate strategic policy and military plans/guidance. Global integrated ISR-derived information is also used to guide acquisition of future capabilities, develop and construct military campaigns, protect US interests, and deter aggression. Understanding the policy and guidance that drives global integrated ISR operations is key to the planning and direction; collection; processing and exploitation; analysis and production; and dissemination (PCPAD) process.

Priorities for 21st Century Defense

The President of the United States and Secretary of Defense strategic guidance for the Department of Defense, Jan 2012 directs the Joint Force to become a smaller, leaner, agile, flexible, ready and technologically advanced force. Global integrated ISR supports these capabilities through our technological, joint and networked advantage. It preserves our ability to conduct the missions we judge most important to protecting core national interests: defeating terror networks and succeeding in current conflicts; deterring and defeating aggression by adversaries, including those seeking to deny our power projection; countering weapons of mass destruction; effectively operating in cyberspace, space, and across all domains; maintaining a safe and effective nuclear deterrent; and protecting the homeland. Priorities and strategies for DOD into the future are described in the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review.

The National Intelligence Strategy (NIS)

The 2014 NIS sets out the following guiding objectives: execute the mission smartly and identify ways to better leverage the substantive work of our partners and potential partners and continue to integrate, transform and strengthen the Intelligence Community’s (IC) support to national security. The NIS highlights areas that demand our attention, resources, and commitment. It also establishes the basis for accountability, in conjunction with an implementation plan, to ensure that the Community meets the goals of our strategy. The NIS stresses integration, innovation, and partnership.
The Defense Intelligence Strategy (DIS)

The DIS sets out to improve intelligence support to fulfill SecDef priorities to prosecute global threats to US national security interests. DIS’s mission is to support national, defense and international partners with “knowledge rich” all-source intelligence, counterintelligence, and security. It emphasizes ISR capabilities that are integrated and synchronized to support combat operations.