
The Under Secretary reemphasizes that the DIB is a Critical Infrastructure Sector per the Department of Homeland Security and is defined as “the worldwide industrial complex that enables research and development, as well as design, production, delivery and maintenance of military weapons systems/software systems, subsystems, and components or parts, as well as purchased services to meet US Military requirements.”

The Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce for the DIB “includes workers who support the essential products and services required to meet national security commitments to the Federal Government and the US Military.” These “include, but are not limited to, aerospace; mechanical and software engineers; manufacturing/production workers; IT support; security staff; security personnel; intelligence support, aircraft and weapon systems mechanics and maintainers; suppliers of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals; and critical transportation.”
The Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce “include[s] personnel working for companies, and their subcontractors, who perform under contract to the Department of Defense, providing materials and services to the Department of Defense and government-owned/contractor-operated and government-owned/government-operated facilities.”

The Memo provides the following examples of Essential Critical Infrastructure:

[i]f your contract or subcontract supports the development, production, testing, fielding, or sustainment of our weapon systems/software systems, or the infrastructure to support those activities. If your efforts support manning, training, equipping, deploying, or supporting our military forces, your work is considered Essential Critical Infrastructure.”

The DoD states, “[c]ompanies aligned with the essential critical infrastructure workforce definition are expected to maintain their normal work schedules.” Companies and workers “… should follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as State and local government officials regarding strategies to limit disease spread.”

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