

Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

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Disaster Resilience



Cyber-physical Systems



Advanced Communications

Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

“It is the policy of the United States to enhance the security and resilience of the Nation’s critical infrastructure and to maintain a cyber environment that encourages efficiency, innovation, and economic prosperity while promoting safety, security, business confidentiality, privacy, and civil liberties”

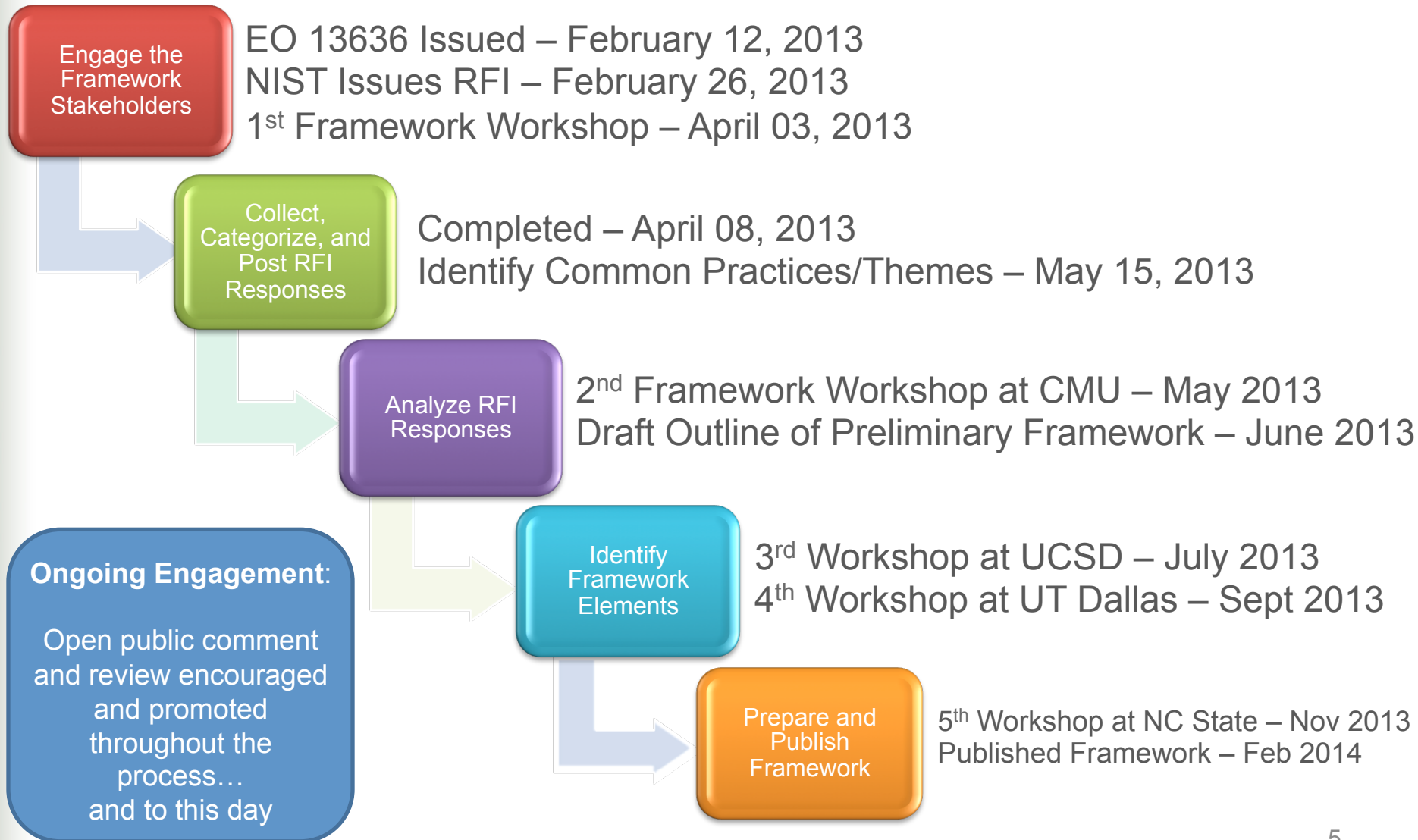


President Barack Obama
Executive Order 13636, 12 February 2013

Based on the Executive Order, the Cybersecurity Framework Must...

- Include a set of standards, methodologies, procedures, and processes that align policy, business, and technological approaches to address cyber risks
- Provide a prioritized, flexible, repeatable, performance-based, and cost-effective approach, including information security measures and controls, to help owners and operators of critical infrastructure identify, assess, and manage cyber risk
- Identify areas for improvement to be addressed through future collaboration with particular sectors and standards-developing organizations
- Be consistent with voluntary international standards

Development of the Framework



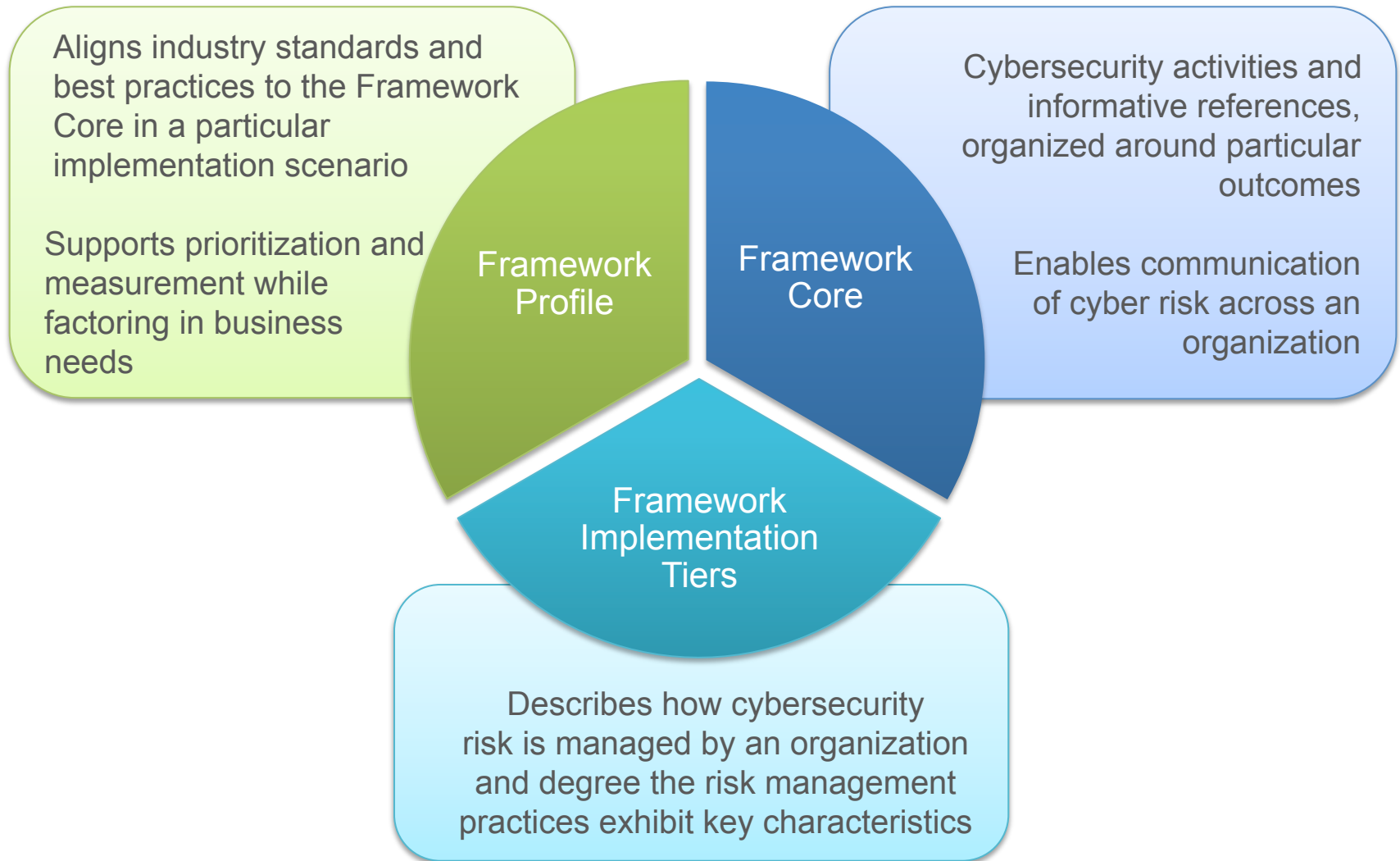
The Cybersecurity Framework Is for Organizations...



- Of **any size**, in **any sector** in (and outside of) the critical infrastructure
- That already have a **mature** cyber risk management and cybersecurity program
- That **don't yet** have a cyber risk management or cybersecurity program
- With a mission of **helping keep up-to-date** on managing risk and facing business or societal threats



Cybersecurity Framework Components



Key Properties of Cyber Risk Management

The diagram illustrates the key properties of cyber risk management. It features three main components: a blue rectangular box at the top labeled 'Integrated Risk Management Program', a green rectangular box below it labeled 'Risk Management Process', and a grey cloud-shaped box on the right labeled 'External Participation'. A double-headed black arrow connects the green box and the cloud box, indicating a bidirectional relationship between the internal risk management process and external participation.

Integrated Risk Management Program

**Risk Management
Process**

**External
Participation**

Implementation Tiers

1	2	3	4
Partial	Risk Informed	Repeatable	Adaptive

Risk Management Process	The functionality and repeatability of cybersecurity risk management
Integrated Risk Management Program	The extent to which cybersecurity is considered in broader risk management decisions
External Participation	The degree to which the organization benefits my sharing or receiving information from outside parties



Intel Adaptation of Implementation Tiers

	1	2	3	4
	Partial	Risk Informed	Repeatable	Adaptive
People	Whether people have assigned roles, regular training, take initiative by becoming champions, etc.			
Process	<i>NIST Risk Management Process + NIST Integrated Risk Management Program</i>			
Technology	Whether tools are implemented, maintained, evolved, provide effectiveness metrics, etc.			
Ecosystem	<i>NIST External Participation +</i> Whether the organization understands its role in the ecosystem, including external dependencies with partners			



Taxonomy Value Proposition

[Plant classification](#) is the placing of known plants into groups or categories to show some relationship. [Scientific classification](#) follows a system of rules that standardizes the results, and groups successive categories into a [hierarchy](#).

For example, the [family](#) to which [lilies](#) belong is classified as:

- **Kingdom:** [Plantae](#)
- **Phylum:** [Magnoliophyta](#)
- **Class:** [Liliopsida](#)
- **Order:** [Liliales](#)
- **Family:** [Liliaceae](#)
- **Genus:**
- **Species:**



Value Proposition

- Accurate communication
- Quickly categorize known
- Logically name unknown
- Inherent properties understood based on name

Core

Cybersecurity Framework Component

	Function	Category	ID
What processes and assets need protection?	Identify	Asset Management	ID.AM
		Business Environment	ID.BE
		Governance	ID.GV
		Risk Assessment	ID.RA
		Risk Management Strategy	ID.RM
What safeguards are available?	Protect	Access Control	PR.AC
		Awareness and Training	PR.AT
		Data Security	PR.DS
		Information Protection Processes & Procedures	PR.IP
		Maintenance	PR.MA
		Protective Technology	PR.PT
What techniques can identify incidents?	Detect	Anomalies and Events	DE.AE
		Security Continuous Monitoring	DE.CM
		Detection Processes	DE.DP
What techniques can contain impacts of incidents?	Respond	Response Planning	RS.RP
		Communications	RS.CO
		Analysis	RS.AN
		Mitigation	RS.MI
		Improvements	RS.IM
What techniques can restore capabilities?	Recover	Recovery Planning	RC.RP
		Improvements	RC.IM
		Communications	RC.CO

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Subcategory	Informative References
ID.BE-1: The organization's role in the supply chain is identified and communicated	COBIT 5 APO08.04, APO08.05, APO10.03, APO10.04, APO10.05 ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.15.1.3, A.15.2.1, A.15.2.2 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 CP-2, SA-12
ID.BE-2: The organization's place in critical infrastructure and its industry sector is identified and communicated	COBIT 5 APO02.06, APO03.01 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 PM-8
ID.BE-3: Priorities for organizational mission, objectives, and activities are established and communicated	COBIT 5 APO02.01, APO02.06, APO03.01 ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.2.2.1, 4.2.3.6 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 PM-11, SA-14
ID.BE-4: Dependencies and critical functions for delivery of critical services are established	ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.11.2.2, A.11.2.3, A.12.1.3 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 CP-8, PE-9, PE-11, PM-8, SA-14
ID.BE-5: Resilience requirements to support delivery of critical services are established	COBIT 5 DSS04.02 ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.11.1.4, A.17.1.1, A.17.1.2, A.17.2.1 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 CP-2, CP-11, SA-14

Profile

Cybersecurity Framework Component

Ways to think about a Profile:

- A customization of the Core for a given sector, subsector, or organization
- A fusion of business/mission logic and cybersecurity outcomes
- An alignment of cybersecurity requirements with operational methodologies
- A basis for assessment and expressing target state
- A decision support tool for cybersecurity risk management

Identify

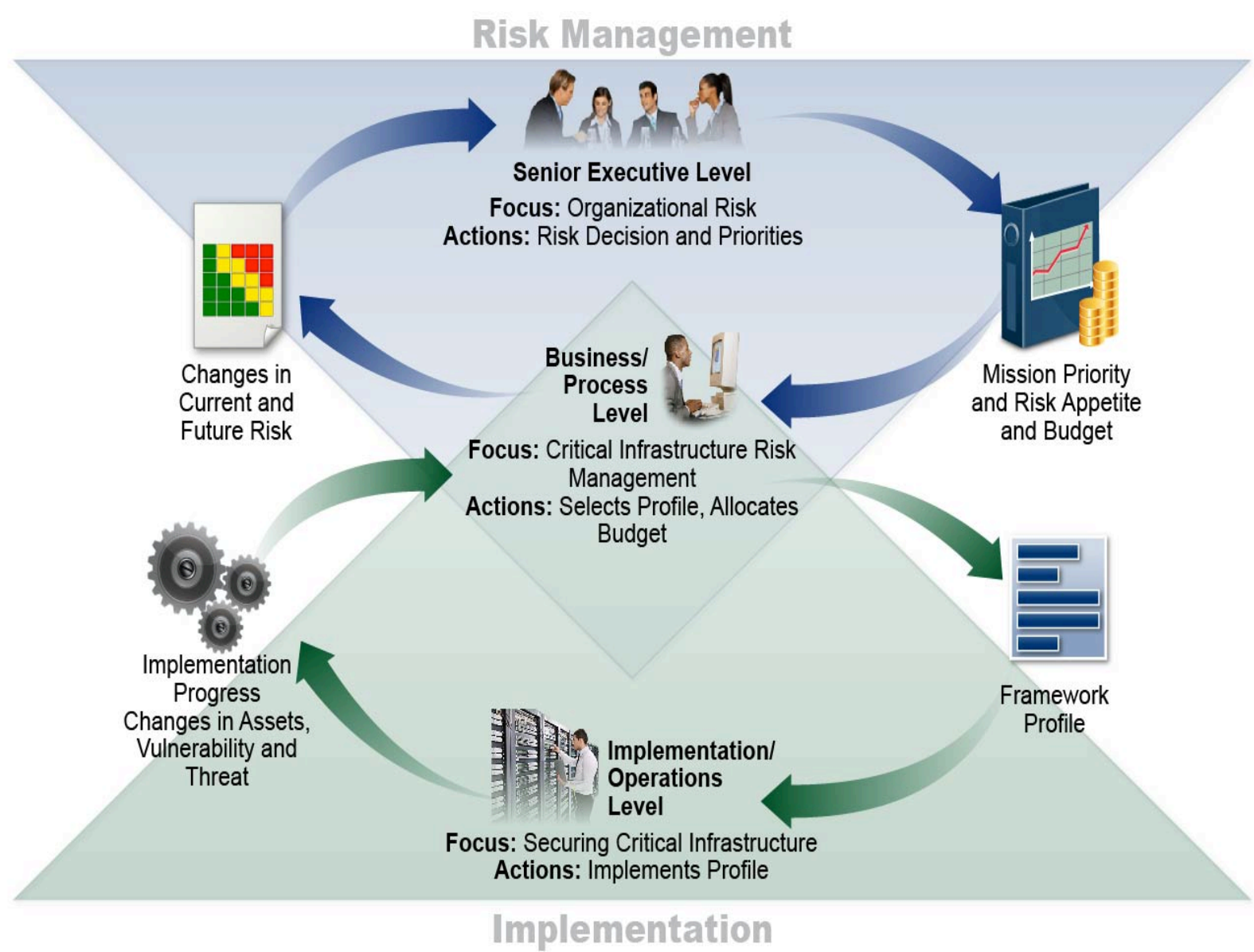
Protect

Detect

Respond

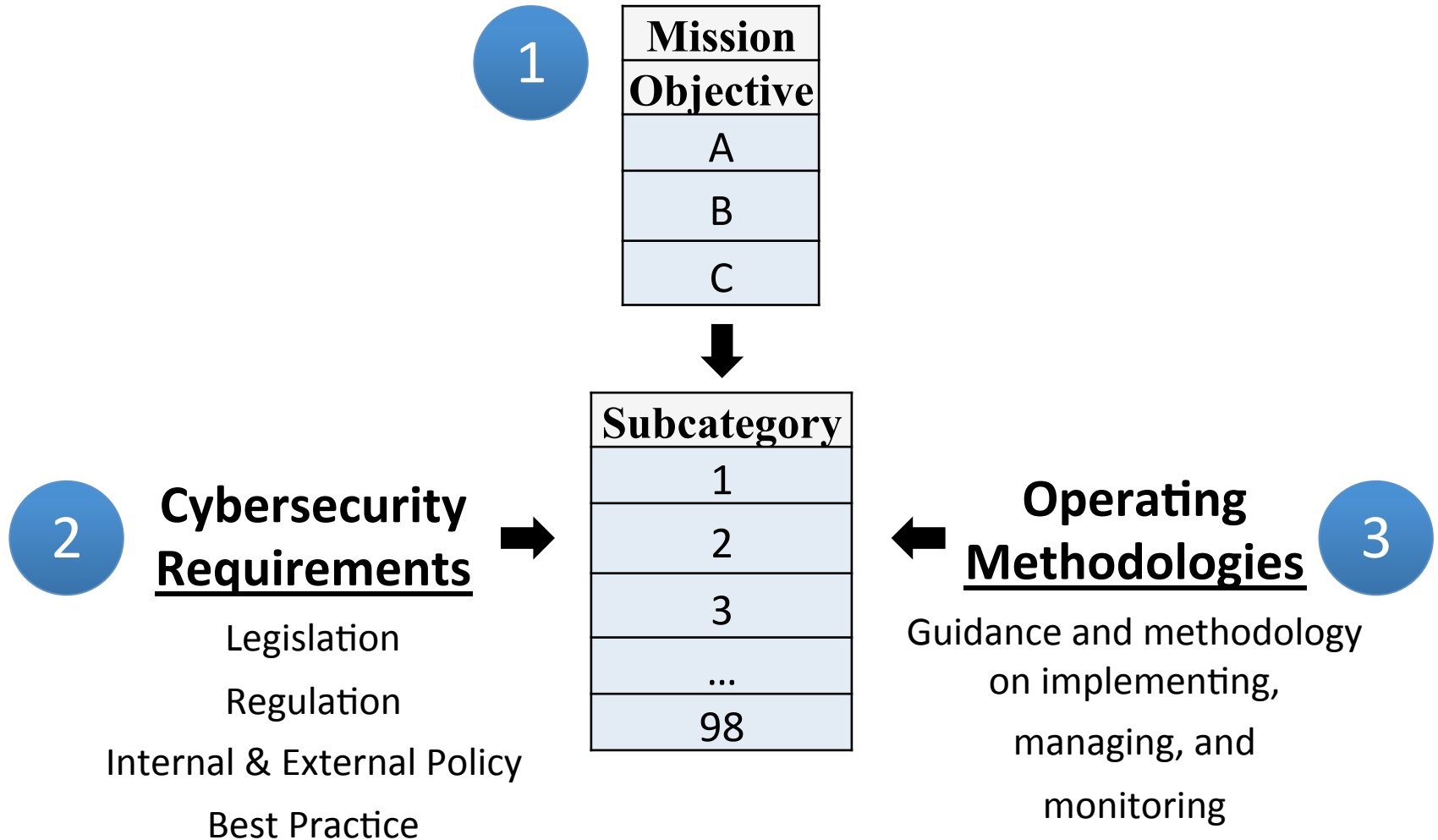
Recover

Supporting Risk Management with Framework



Building a Profile

A Profile Can be Created in Three Steps



Set Priorities

Use Cybersecurity Framework Profiles to determine Priorities

Subcats	Requirements			
1	High		High	High
2	Mod	High	Mod	Mod
3	Low	Low	Low	
...
98			Mod	Mod
	Law	Regulation	Business Objectives	Threat Profile

Static ←  *Dynamic*

Resource and Budget Decisioning

What Can You Do with a CSF Profile



Sub-category	Priority	Gaps	Budget	Year 1 Activities	Year 2 Activities
1	moderate	small	\$\$\$		X
2	high	large	\$\$	X	
3	moderate	medium	\$	X	
...		
98	moderate	none	\$\$		reassess

...and supports on-going operational decisions too

Operate

Use Cybersecurity Framework Profiles to distribute and organize labor

Subcats	Reqs	Priorities	Who	What	When	Where	How
1	A, B	High					
2	C, D, E, F	High					
3	G, H, I, J	Low					
...					
98	XX, YY, ZZ	Mod					
	Reqs	Priorities					

Profile Ecosystem

TAXONOMY

1
2
3
...
98

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Framework Core

REQUIREMENTS

1	Req A
2	Req B
3	Req C
...	...
98	Req ZZ

*Community or
Organization*

*Crosswalks
Mappings*

PRIORITIES

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...
98	Req ZZ	High

*Organization or
Community*

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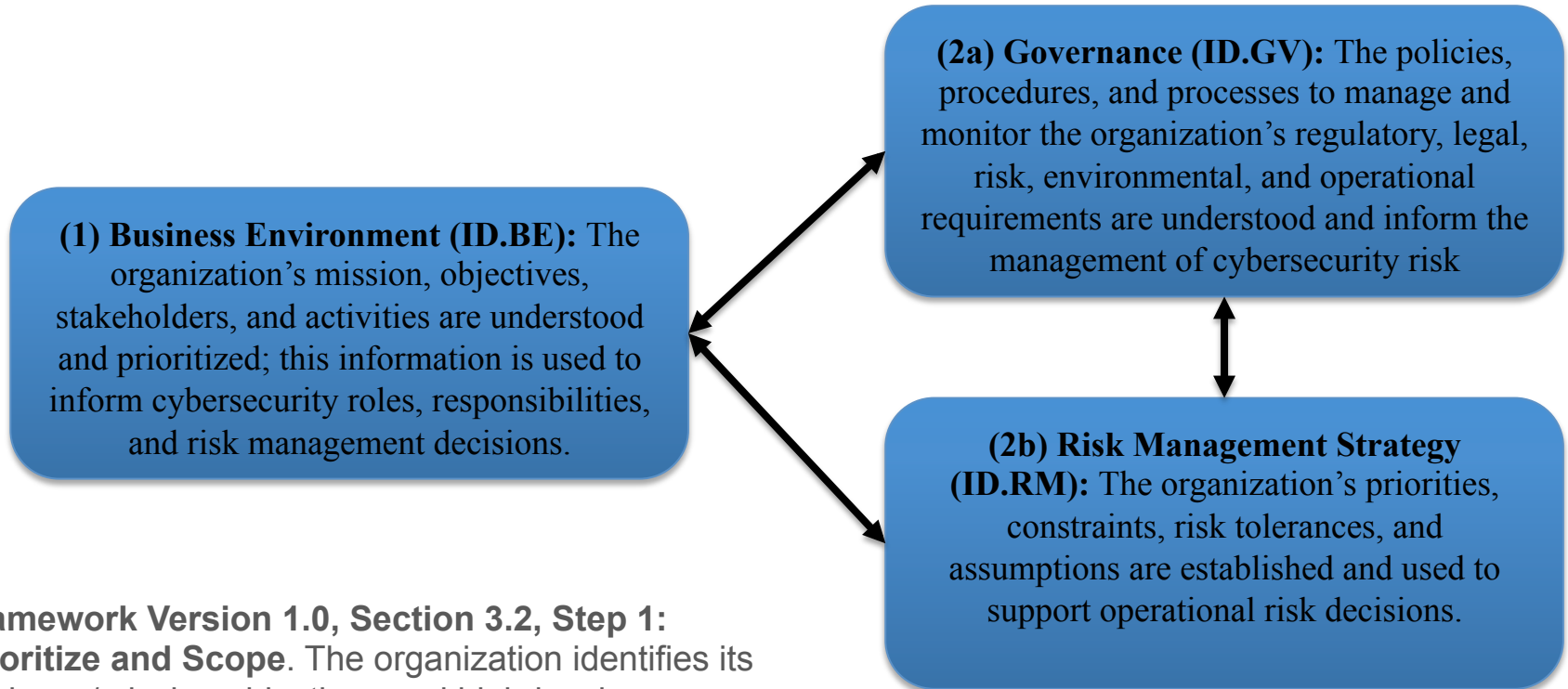
Using Profiles to Drive Incident Resourcing

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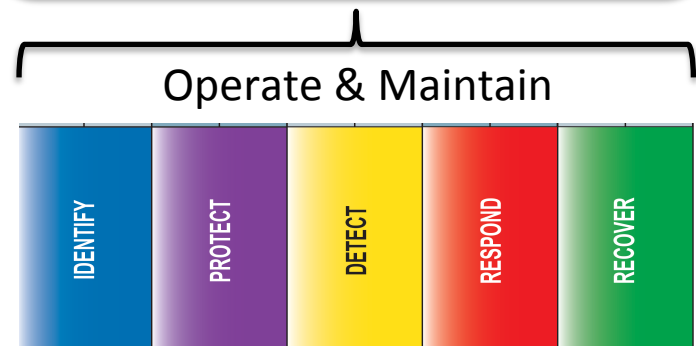
Key Attributes

- **It's a framework, not a prescription**
 - It provides a common language and systematic methodology for managing cyber risk
 - It is meant to be adapted
 - It does not tell a company how much cyber risk is tolerable, nor does it claim to provide “the one and only” formula for cybersecurity
 - Having a common lexicon to enable action across a very diverse set of stakeholders will enable the best practices of elite companies to become standard practices for everyone
- **The framework is a living document**
 - It is intended to be updated over time as stakeholders learn from implementation, and as technology and risks change
 - That's one reason why the framework focuses on questions an organization needs to ask itself to manage its risk. While practices, technology, and standards will change over time—principals will not

Where Should I Start?



Framework Version 1.0, Section 3.2, Step 1: Prioritize and Scope. The organization identifies its business/mission objectives and high-level organizational priorities. With this information, the organization makes strategic decisions regarding cybersecurity implementations and determines the scope of systems and assets that support the selected business line or process. The Framework can be adapted to support the different business lines or processes within an organization, which may have different business needs and associated risk tolerance.



Common Patterns of Use

- Integrate the Functions into Your Leadership Vocabulary and Management Tool Sets
- Determine Optimal Risk Management Using Implementation Tiers
- Measure Current Risk Management Using Implementation Tiers
- Reflect on Business Environment, Governance, and Risk Management Strategy Categories
- Develop a Profile of Cybersecurity Priorities, Leveraging (Sub)Sector Profiles When Available

Examples of Framework Industry Resources



[Italy's National Framework for Cybersecurity](#)



[Cybersecurity Guidance for Small Firms](#)



[The Cybersecurity Framework in Action: An Intel Use Case](#)

[Cybersecurity Risk Management and Best Practices Working Group 4: Final Report](#)



[Energy Sector Cybersecurity Framework Implementation Guidance](#)

Examples of U.S. State & Local Use



[Texas, Department of Information Resources](#)

- Aligned Agency Security Plans with Framework
- Aligned Product and Service Vendor Requirements with Framework

[North Dakota, Information Technology Department](#)

- Allocated Roles & Responsibilities using Framework
- Adopted the Framework into their Security Operation Strategy



GREATER HOUSTON
PARTNERSHIP

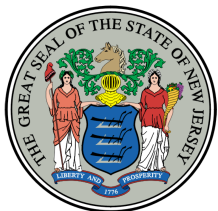
Making Houston Greater.

[Houston, Greater Houston Partnership](#)

- Integrated Framework into their Cybersecurity Guide
- Offer On-Line Framework Self-Assessment

[National Association of State CIOs](#)

- 2 out of 3 CIOs from the 2015 NASCIO Awards cited Framework as a part of their award-winning strategy



New Jersey

- Developed a cybersecurity framework that aligns controls and procedures with Framework

Roadmap Items



Framework Roadmap Items

Authentication

Automated Indicator Sharing

Conformity Assessment

Cybersecurity Workforce

Data Analytics



Federal Agency Cybersecurity Alignment

International Aspects, Impacts, and Alignment

Supply Chain Risk Management

Technical Privacy Standards

Recent Framework Related Policy and Legislation



Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002

- Originally authored with physical security in mind
 - Recently clarified to apply to cybersecurity
- Coast Guard publishing Framework Profile to help industry adapt

Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2014

- Codified NIST's on-going role facilitating Framework evolution
- Asked NIST to facilitate less redundancies in regulation



OMB Memorandum M-16-03 & 04

- M-16-03: FY 2015-16 Guidance on Federal Information Security and Privacy Management Requirements
 - M-16-04: Cybersecurity Strategy and Implementation Plan

Circular A-130 Update

- Provides generalized guidance for use of pre-existing FISMA-based guidance like Risk Management Framework with Cybersecurity Framework
- NIST publishing guidance on using Risk Management Framework and Cybersecurity Framework together



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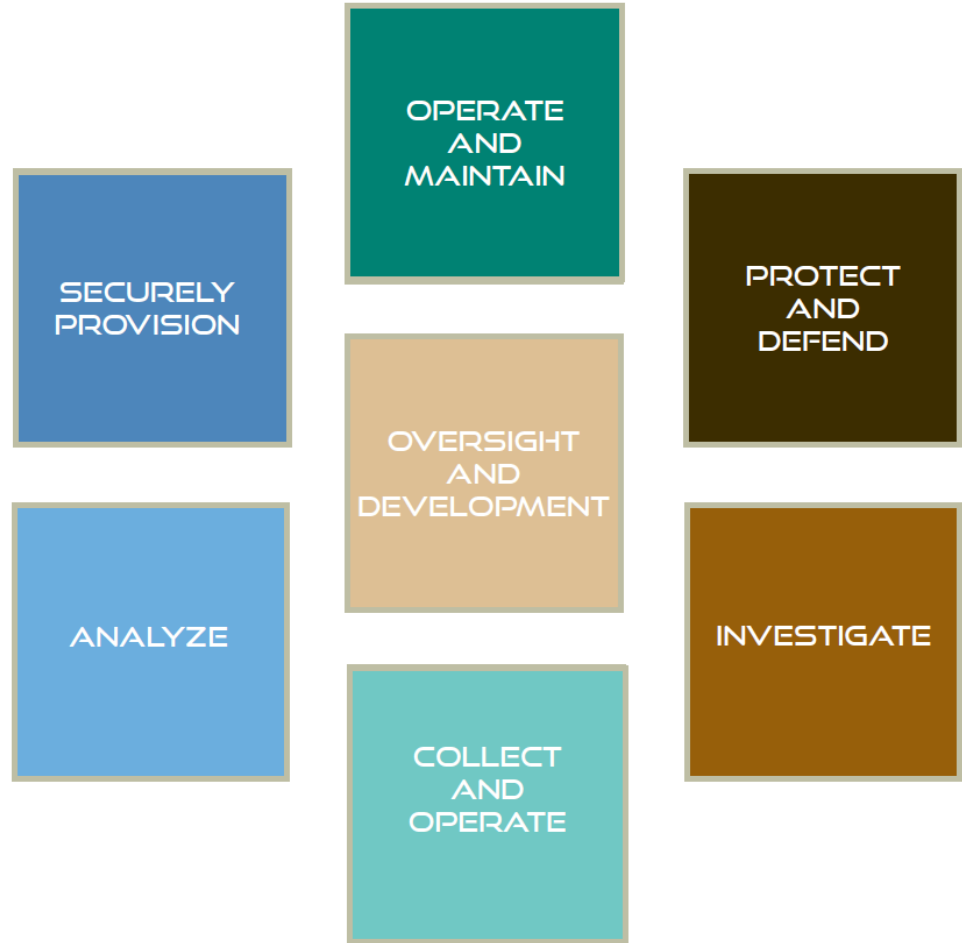
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National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education

- Early stages of collaboration to show the connection points between Cybersecurity Framework and National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education
- Anticipate use cases for
 - Organizing academic curriculum
 - Workforce roles and responsibilities
 - Professional certifications



Recent and Near-Term Framework Events

RFI: Views on the Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

Questions focused on: experiences, update, governance, and best practice sharing

Dec 11, 2015

RFI Analysis

Summary posted that includes analysis of topic trends in RFI responses and continued discussion topics for Workshop break-out sessions

March 2016

Cybersecurity Framework Workshop 2016

Goal: Highlight examples of Framework use, gather feedback on timing and content of an update, governance, and best practice sharing

April 6-7, 2016
NIST Gaithersburg

Workshop Summary

Publication on the topics that evoked the most consensus and dissonance at Cybersecurity Framework Workshop 2016

May 2016

RFI Questions and Workshop Discussion Threads

Request for Information

11 December 2015 – 23 February 2016

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/12/11/2015-31217/views-on-the-framework-for-improving-critical-infrastructure-cybersecurity>

RFI Responses: http://csrc.nist.gov/cyberframework/rfi_comments_02_09_16.html

- ways in which the Framework is being used to improve cybersecurity risk management,
- how best practices for using the Framework are being shared,
- the relative value of different parts of the Framework,
- the possible need for an update of the Framework, and
- options for long-term governance of the Framework.

Cybersecurity Framework Workshop 2016

6 & 7 April 2016

Registration: <https://appam.certain.com/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x29774a453>

More Info: <http://www.nist.gov/cyberframework>

Program Eras

Feb 2013

Feb 2014

Feb 2016

	Develop	Support	Update
Key Milestones	<p>Five Workshops</p> <p>Request for Information</p> <p>Request for Comment</p> <p>Publication</p>	<p>Request for Information</p> <p>Workshop</p> <p>Speaking Events</p>	<p>Request for Information</p> <p>Workshop</p> <p>Request for Comment</p> <p>Publication</p>
NIST is:	<p>Adjudicating Stakeholder Input</p> <p>Crafting Version 1.0</p>	<p>Educating</p> <p>Building a Knowledge Base and Resource Catalog</p>	<p>Adjudicating Stakeholder Input</p> <p>Crafting Version Next</p>
Stakeholders are:	<p>Participating in the development process</p>	<p>Understanding and Piloting Framework</p> <p>Sharing Work Products</p>	<p>Expanding Framework Implementations</p> <p>Participating in the Update Process</p>

Resources

Where to Learn More and Stay Current

The National Institute of Standards and Technology Web site is available at <http://www.nist.gov>

NIST Computer Security Division Computer Security Resource Center is available at <http://csrc.nist.gov/>

The *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity* and related news and information are available at www.nist.gov/cyberframework

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