

## New presidential directive is more "cyber" aware, but its state and local impact is doubtful

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On the eve of his State of the Union address, President Obama ushered in a major overhaul of U.S. homeland security policy with [Presidential Policy Directive/PPD-21](#). Much of the news coverage this week referred to the directive as some sort of "cyber" policy. To that end, PPD-21 "identifies energy and communications systems as uniquely critical due to the enabling functions they provide across all critical infrastructure sectors." However, while PPD-21 is not solely focused on information, or "cyber," security [See Deltek's [latest report](#) on this market], awareness of "cyber threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences" is significantly higher in this directive than in HSPD-7.

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