

# Homeland Security and Defense "Seam" Initiative

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#### China as a Pacing Challenge to Homeland Security and Defense

pacing challenge refers to an adversary that poses a long-term risk to US influence and power,

#### The growing threat China poses to the US and in the Indo-Pacific region:

- China is not a future threat; China is a threat today "—and US critical infrastructure is a prime target
- China continues to heavily invest in capabilities, operational concepts and organizations specifically to defeat the US (and its allies')
- CCP also wants to prevent the US from being able to get in the way of a potential future "crisis between China and Taiwan by 2027
- China continues to expand its nuclear forces and its ability to operate in cyberspace
- China's is already landing blows against civilian infrastructure as it moves towards its strategic objectives

### 'Seam' Initiative alignment with:

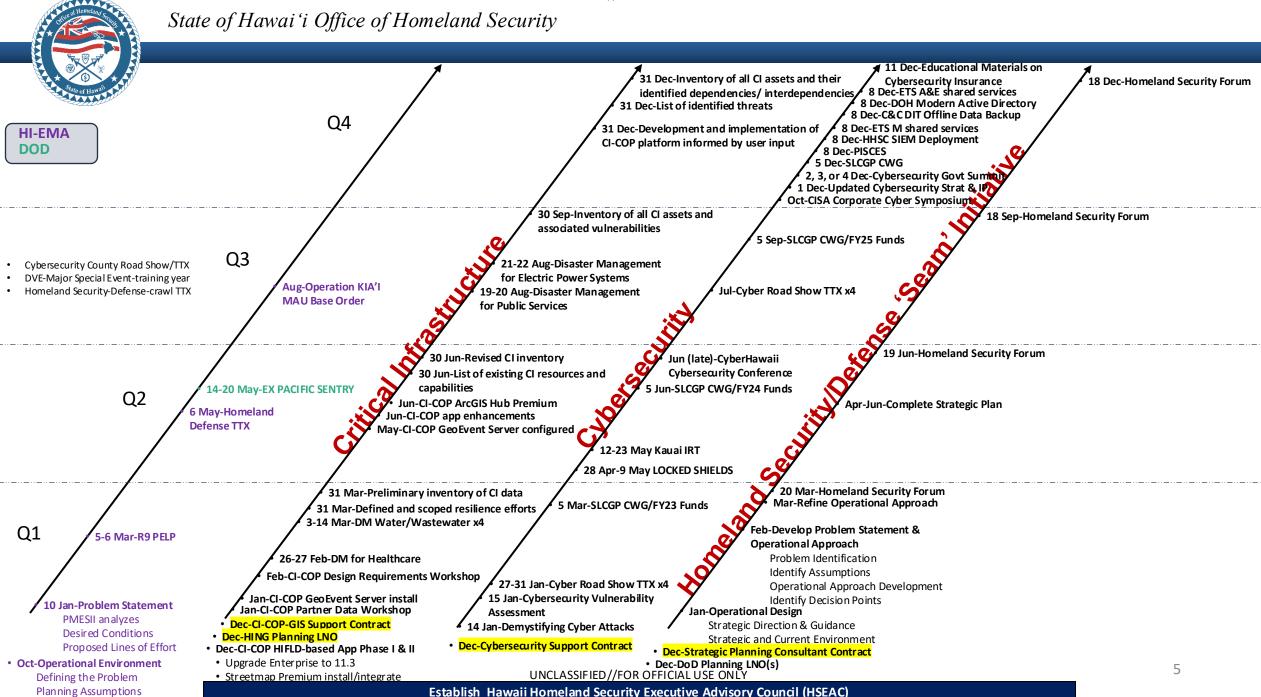
- Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Program
- Statewide Cybersecurity Program
- Others (i.e., Hawaii National Guard, Emergency Management Agency)



### Call to Action:

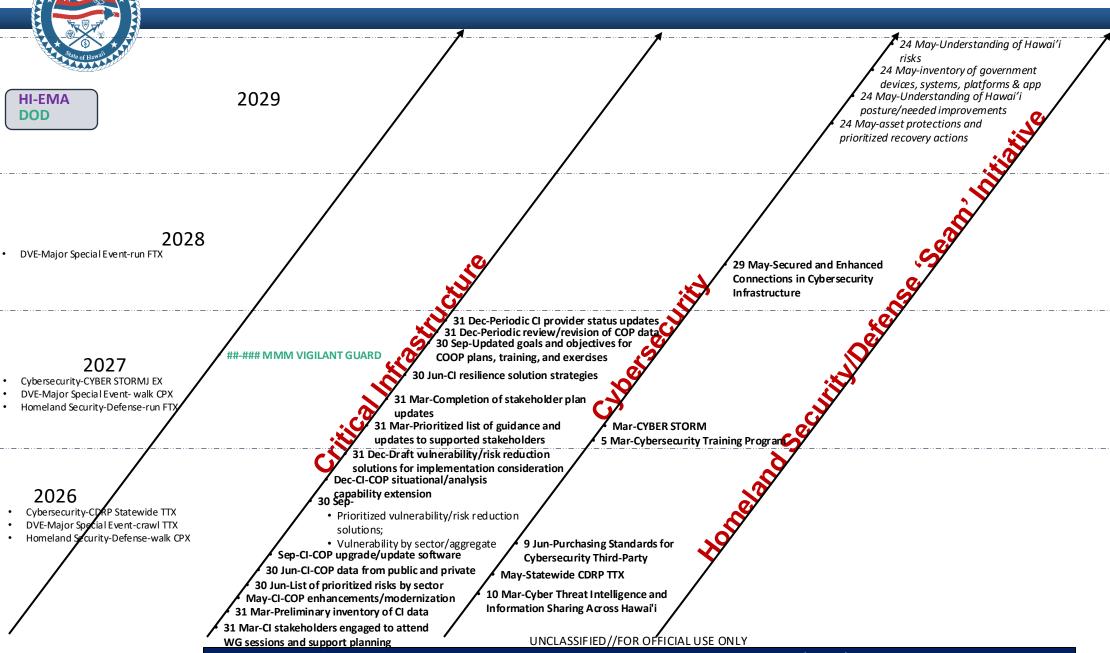
## Operationalize the Hawai'i Homeland Security Strategy, the outputs of which will be:

- Leveraged statewide Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Programs to meet the spectrum of strategic competition and conflict dynamics
- Effective, modernized concept of protection of the (Hawai'i) home front by civilians acting under civil authority
- Deepened collaboration with all entities across critical infrastructure sectors
- Enhanced coordination between Hawai'i state and federal government entities
- Established concept of operations, built and exercised collaboratively with key stakeholders





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