



## White House Releases National Cybersecurity Plan

This morning, the Office of the National Cyber Director released a fifty-seven page National Cybersecurity Strategy Implementation Plan.

The plan details nearly seventy federal initiatives. Some are already underway and will be carried out by various federal agencies. There are five “Pillars” embodied within the Plan:

1. Defend Critical Infrastructure;
2. Disrupt and Dismantle Threat Actors;
3. Shape market Forces to Drive Security and Resilience;
4. Invest in a Resilient Future; and
5. Forge International Partnerships to Pursue Shared Goals.

While we are still digesting all of the points, one portion was of particular interest. Found on page 33, a section within Pillar 3 describes a Department of Justice initiative to use the False Claims Act (“FCA”) “to pursue civil actions against government grantees and contractors who fail to meet cybersecurity obligations.”

This section seems to harken back to the Civil Cyber-Fraud Initiative announced by Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco in October, 2021, which itself was designed to address misrepresentations by government contractors concerning their cybersecurity practices by way of the FCA.

The plan in its entirety may be found [here](#).

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