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Statement from OMB Director Shaun Donovan:

Budgetary Impact Analysis for Executive Order Entitled "Developing an Integrated Global Engagement Center to Support Government-Wide Counterterrorism Communications Activities Directed Abroad And Revoking Executive Order 13584"

This executive order establishes the Global Engagement Center (GEC) at the Department of State as the United States Government's new focal point for countering terrorist messaging abroad. Implementing this executive order is anticipated to increase costs to the Federal Government compared to Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, and have no impact on revenues to the Federal Government. The benefits of the executive order include enabling the GEC to rapidly hire private sector talent and ensure the GEC becomes the centerpiece of the U.S. Government's efforts to more effectively coordinate, integrate, and synchronize messaging to foreign audiences. Implementing this executive order is anticipated to increase mandatory and discretionary obligations and outlays for this purpose in FY 2016 above FY 2015. However, this executive order is not anticipated to increase discretionary obligations and outlays overall, and the impact beyond FY 2016 will depend on the annual appropriations process. This executive order is anticipated to be impacted by this executive order include the Department in the 5-year fiscal period beginning in FY 2016. Agencies anticipated to be impacted by this executive order include the Departments of State, Defense, and Homeland Security.