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President Elect Trump's Defense Priorities

A likely shift in defense policy is on the horizon. In a December memo written by Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Brian McKeon, Trump's transition defense priorities as of 12.1.2016 include:

- **Develop a strategy to defeat/destroy ISIS**
- **Build a strong defense, including eliminating budget caps and increasing force size and readiness**
- **Develop a comprehensive United States Government cyber strategy**
- **Find greater efficiencies, including pursuing and building on "great work" by DEPSECDEF Work**

In addition to these general priority areas, the new administration's transition focus has also been seen on global counter terrorism strategy, scrutiny of the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) fund management, further defense acquisition reform, filling key appointed positions, and trade policies yielding a competitive edge for the United States defense industrial base.

How Can KEM Help You Maintain & Win Business?

With Trump's political transition, KEM is working with our clients and global strategic partners to be ready and strategically well positioned for not only Trump's first 100 days but to support his near and long term administration goals; the FY 2018 and FY 2019 budget submissions; and their impacts on the Pentagon's next five-year plan.

