



# U.S.–ISRAEL BUSINESS INITIATIVE

U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## U.S.-Israel Cybersecurity Task Force

A new U.S.-Israel Cybersecurity Task Force will work to advance U.S.-Israeli commercial ties and shape a policy framework to enable a more robust strategic relationship between the two countries on cybersecurity. Members of this task force, both American and Israeli private sector interests, will shape the priorities and agenda of this group. Objectives include:

### Advancing policy initiatives that connect U.S. and Israeli private sectors and governments:

- **Promote a national cyber security framework in Israel.** Based on the *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity*, the task force will help advance ideas on standards, best practices, and guidance to improve coordination between business and government.
- **Establish a formal bilateral business-to-government dialogue on cybersecurity** to include relevant government agencies and business leaders to discuss key issues such as information sharing, standards, and privacy. The Chamber is advocating for a comprehensive U.S.-Israel Strategic Economic Dialogue and recommends an official cybersecurity track for this annual public-private dialogue.
- **Identify and advocate for legislative priorities** in both countries that will advance cooperation, including promoting a U.S.-Israel cyber center of excellence, supporting joint industrial and commercial R&D, and enhancing information sharing between the two countries.
- **Encourage U.S. engagement in Israel's Cyber Spark Industry Initiative**, the coordinating body set-up to enhance cooperation between industry, government, the IDF, and academia.
- **Modernize export controls** to ensure a more efficient, predictable, and transparent system that supports U.S. technological leadership while leveraging the benefits of Israeli technological innovation. The Chamber is a founding member of the Coalition for Security and Competitive which can serve as a vehicle for advancing this element.

### Creating a hub for discussion on U.S.-Israel cybersecurity issues:

- **Organize roundtable discussions** in the U.S. on trends, opportunities, and policy dimensions related to U.S.-Israel cooperation in cyber. (i.e., March/April 2015 – CIO event with Eviatar Matania, Head of Israel's National Cyber Bureau)
- **Organize large-scale conferences** to create networking and business development opportunities for U.S. and Israeli companies and government officials in this space. (i.e., partner with INSS on April 27-28 Defensive Cyberspace Operations & Intelligence (DCOI) conference & exhibition (Washington, DC))
- **Lead cybersecurity trade missions to Israel** for industry conferences or stand-alone trips to meet with government and business.