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- ▶ Maturing and strengthening analytic capabilities to further develop the state and local analytic corps.
- ▶ Improving the coordination of federal communication and collaboration processes with fusion centers.
- ▶ Incorporating customer feedback into analytic production and dissemination processes.
- ▶ Facilitating intrastate coordination, incorporating all fusion centers and other partners into the fusion process.
- ▶ Coordinating available federal resources to sustain the National Network.
- ▶ Implementing a security management framework providing a consistent process for fusion center access to and protection of classified and unclassified information and systems.
- ▶ Supporting performance management processes.
- ▶ Institutionalizing P/CRCL protections.

Conclusion

The repeatable annual assessment provides unique insight into the National Network's current capacity and is a useful tool for enabling the development of a more robust capability across the National Network and informing federal support to fusion centers. The 2011 Assessment data indicated that fusion centers made notable progress in developing their capabilities. Significant work still remains. For the National Network to fulfill its potential as a fully integrated participant in the National Information Sharing Environment and the broader HSE, individual fusion centers must further develop and institutionalize their capabilities and facilitate interconnectivity.

The 2011 Assessment also highlighted areas where federal support is required. Implementing the short- and long-term recommendations developed through the 2011 Assessment will allow federal, state, and local partners to make the informed investments required for a mature National Network.