



ICSJWG 2010 Spring Conference

The Industrial Control Systems Joint Working Group (ICSJWG) 2010 Spring Conference will be held on April 6-8 in San Antonio, Texas at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Hotel and Conference Center. The conference will include presentations by industry leaders in control systems cybersecurity, updates from the ICSJWG Subgroups, and the *Introduction to Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity training course*.

Conference details and registration information are available at http://www.us-cert.gov/control_systems/icsjwg/index.html.

ICSJWG Subgroups

ICSJWG Subgroup Co-chairs worked with the ICSJWG program management office to schedule meetings during the month of February. All subgroups report recent progress as follows:

Information Sharing Subgroup

Co-Chairs: George Bamford (george.bamford@dhs.gov) and Nathan Faith (nlfaith@aep.com).

The Information Sharing Subgroup conducted a conference call on February 3, 2010. During the February subgroup meeting, George Bamford asked for volunteers to work on developing information sharing strategies for threat and vulnerabilities analysis, defining threshold for vulnerabilities, addressing risk mitigation concerns, and developing proper avenues for information sharing for collective efforts. The co-chairs will follow up with an email requesting volunteers. Anyone interested in participating may email ICSJWG@dhs.gov.

Moving forward, the co-chairs plan to review the subgroup's objectives and devise an approach for accomplishing its objectives. In addition, they will determine methods for communicating information to the private sector. The Information Sharing Subgroup plans to convene about once every three months.

International Subgroup

Co-Chairs: Seán McGurk (cssp@dhs.gov) and Michael Assante (michael.assante@nerc.net).

The International Subgroup conducted a conference call on February 4, 2010. The subgroup discussed their approach for accomplishing their milestones. It was determined that individual task subgroups would be formed in accordance with the milestones. Three task subgroups have been formed to tackle the key charter milestones:

- Task Subgroup 1: Milestone 1
- Task Subgroup 2: Milestone 2

About the ICSJWG

The ICSJWG is a collaborative and coordinating body operating under the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) requirements. The ICSJWG provides a vehicle for communicating and partnering across all critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR) sectors between federal agencies and departments as well as private asset owner/operators of industrial control systems. The goal of the ICSJWG is to continue and enhance the facilitation and collaboration of the industrial control systems stakeholder community in securing CIKR by accelerating the design, development, and deployment of secure industrial control systems.

*For more information, visit
http://www.us-cert.gov/control_systems/icsjwg/*

- Task Subgroup 3: Milestones 3 and 4

Moving forward, the subgroup will conduct three types of meetings. The general subgroup will convene approximately once every two weeks after the week of February 18th. The co-chairs will research to see what the best times are to have the meetings to suit members spanning the different time zones. The co-chairs will have a subgroup management meeting with the task subgroup chairs every two weeks as well. Individual task subgroup meeting times will depend on how their work plans are organized.

Anyone who would be interested in leading a task group or participating in the subgroup should email the ICSJWG at ICSJWG@dhs.gov by [February 18, 2010](#). In the email, the candidate should include their signature block containing their contact information, the task they are interested in working on as well as a vision statement for how they would manage the task if they become a task lead.

Research and Development Subgroup

Co-Chairs: Dr. Douglas Maughan (Douglas.Maughan@dhs.gov) and David L Norton (DNORTO1@energy.com).

The Co-Chairs are coordinating an agenda and are targeting the last week of February for a subgroup conference call. The key issues to be discussed are identifying existing areas of R&D and developing a system for sharing R&D information.

Roadmap to Secure Industrial Control Systems

Co-Chairs: Seán McGurk (cssp@dhs.gov) and Tim Roxey (Tim.Roxey@nerc.net).

Mr. Perry Pedersen, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), has volunteered to serve as the GCC co-chair for the Roadmap subgroup. The co-chairs are reviewing the proposed agenda and are targeting a subgroup conference call for the last week of February. The agenda aims at discussing the key point of establishing a Cross-Sector Roadmap, with the intention of having subgroup members begin to draft the Roadmap following the conference call.

Vendor Subgroup

Co-Chairs: Seán McGurk (cssp@dhs.gov) and Eric Cosman (ECCosman@dow.com).

The Co-Chairs coordinated an agenda and are targeting the last week of February or first week in March for a subgroup conference call. Key items to be discussed at the meeting include member involvement, assigning tasks to meet the subgroup's milestones, and planning the Vendor subgroup session at the April ICSJWG meeting.

Workforce Development Subgroup

Co-Chairs: Ben Wible (wibleb@ndu.edu) and Marcus Sachs (marcus.sachs@verizon.com).

The Workforce Development Subgroup has begun coordination to work towards the goals of the subgroup. The co-chairs met with the ICSJWG Program Management Office (PMO) and targeted a subgroup conference call the third week of February. Progress on the subgroup's milestones will be presented, along with a discussion of how to move forward.

To learn more or get involved with any of these subgroups, please see http://www.us-cert.gov/control_systems/icsjwg/index.html, e-mail one of the group co-chairs, or e-mail icsjwg@dhs.gov.

Advanced Training Events Schedules for 2010

The following advance training events have been scheduled for early 2010:

- March 1-5, 2010 – Asset Owners and Operators

- April 12-16, 2010 – International Partners

Additional offerings are still being planned and will be announced once dates are finalized. The training is held at the Control Systems Analysis Center located in Idaho Falls, Idaho and will provide intensive hands-on training on protecting and securing industrial control systems from cyber attacks. This will include a Red Team /Blue Team exercise that will be conducted within an actual control systems environment.

There is no cost to attend the training; however, travel expenses and accommodations are the responsibility of each participant. More information, including registration and future offerings, is available at: http://www.us-cert.gov/control_systems/

Contact Information

If you would like to contact the ICSJWG to ask a question or inquire about participation, please send an e-mail to icsjwg@dhs.gov.

The CSSP and Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) encourage you to report suspicious cyber activity, incidents, and vulnerabilities affecting critical infrastructure control systems. Online reporting forms are available at <https://forms.us-cert.gov/report/>.

Other important contact information:

Web Site Address: http://www.us-cert.gov/control_systems/

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