NCOIC Update to Members – September 2016

Interoperability Demo to Set Up and Showcase a Trusted Environment
NCOIC is holding a real-time interoperability demonstration that will allow member-companies to show their capabilities and underscore the benefits to organizations in collaborating via an interoperable network environment. A secure federated-cloud infrastructure will be used to demonstrate a disaster-response scenario and highlight the consortium's work in how to develop a trusted environment, including governance processes, federation management and interoperability verification.

The event will be held in November or December at the Gannett Headquarters in McLean, Virginia, in conjunction with the quarterly Advisory Council and Board of Directors meeting. The day will also include a vendor display area where participants can present their products, services, concepts and other interoperability enablers. Contact Ed Barger at ed.barger@ncoic.org if you want to learn more or are interested in participating.

Contracting Study Results Shared with NCI Agency
Thanks to all members who participated in the "quick response" study that NCOIC is completing for the NATO Communications and Information Agency. The information collected on acquisition best practices, processes and guidelines used by large organizations to address small-value contracts was shared with the NCI Agency at a workshop in Brussels on September 12-14. Results of the "NCI Agency External Customer Support Model (ECSM) Adaptation Study" and the consortium's recommendations are being reviewed by the NCI Agency as it looks for ways to use industry customer-support models to improve the delivery of C3 systems and ICT services to external customers, while meeting the demands of its primary customers and core business. The study and workshop are part of a multi-phase effort designed to assist the agency in adapting its external customer support model to expedite product/service delivery that are funded by a NATO nation or external organization and within NATO needs.

Secure Interoperability Governance Process Published on Website
The Cybersecurity Integrated Project Team's Secure Interoperability Governance Process document is now available on the NCOIC website at www.ncoic.org/technology/technical-products/processes. This open process addresses the governance of secure, collaboration and information exchange in today's cross-domain, multi-organization environments. It presents a logical and straightforward method for developing and documenting a governance process for an interoperable network, and is applicable to any domain that requires interoperability among diverse participants.

Welcome New Members
Enterprise Sentinel Authentication, based in Scottsdale, AZ, is a new member of NCOIC. The company will provide access to its cloud-based single- and multi-factor authentication solutions. The NCOIC representative is Ken Kotowich, President and CEO. More information at www.esauth.com.

Bravatek Solutions, Inc., a technology telecom and security solutions provider, has also joined the consortium. The company assists business and governments protect their organizations against both physical and cyber attacks through security software, tools and systems. Bravatek will provide its secure email platform, known as Ecrypt One, to NCOIC for use in interoperability projects. Debbie King, Director and CFO, is the NCOIC representative. More information at http://bravatek.com.

NATO IPT Begins Work
The NATO Interface Working Group has been renamed the NATO Integrated Project Team and is now meeting every two weeks, with Gustavo Scotti di Uccio as chair. The team will work to understand the NATO Defense Planning Process and its improvement goals, including new threats, NATO reorganization and need for industry cooperation. The IPT will also review best practices and models of other industrial organizations and prepare proposals and recommendations for vendor-neutral enhancements. The IPT meets regularly the first and third Friday of each month. Interested members should contact Gustavo Scotti di Uccio for more information at gscottidiuccio@aofs.org.

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