NCOIC Update to Members – April/May 2015

Harry Raduege Takes Helm as CEO
On March 26, Harry Raduege, senior advisor and a director of Cyber Risk Services at Deloitte & Touche, became NCOIC Chief Executive Officer. He replaces founding chairman and CEO Carl O’Berry, who is remaining on the board of directors in an emeritus role. Raduege, a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant general, has been a member of the NCOIC board since 2005. As CEO, he will focus on expanding the consortium’s reach and bringing its expertise to a wider range of organizations in the public and private sector in all parts of the world. At Deloitte, Raduege works globally with clients across government and industry to help them reduce risk in their business and mission operations due to cyber-related risks. In addition, he serves in leadership and advisory roles for a number of organizations, including the Department of Homeland Security, EastWest Institute, United Services Organization and Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association International.

Interoperability Implementation Classification Framework Begins Development
A new technical team is being formed to develop a method and tools for evaluating the levels of interoperability of technical solutions as offered by industry in response to customer acquisition requirements. The Interoperability Implementation Classification Framework will provide customer agencies with a way to rank the interoperability readiness of different industry solutions. This activity is in response to a request from the NCOIC Advisory Council. If you are interested in taking part or want more information, contact Ken Cureton at kenneth.l.cureton@boeing.com or Mark Bowler at mark.k.bowler@boeing.com.

Value of NCOIC Detailed in New Whitepaper
The board of directors has released a four-page whitepaper that details the value NCOIC provides to members and customers. It is designed to be used to educate and promote the NCOIC cause. You can download the document from the home page of the NCOIC website or go directly to this link: http://www.ncoic.org/images/general/NCOIC-Value_4-2015.pdf

Disaster Response Trust Federation in Planning Stages
NCOIC submitted a proposal in March to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) that described the consortium’s interest in using trustmarks for securing online identification needed to control information access. The consortium plans to develop a definition and use of virtual operations (VO) trustmarks as the first step in creating a Disaster Response Trust Federation (DRTF) that will leverage ongoing collaboration with disaster response experts, government agencies and other stakeholders. NCOIC will build-out the current Rapid Response Incubator with a beta testbed to demonstrate and evaluate solutions in support of meeting the secure interoperability needs of disaster response situations.

Interested in Joining New Business Activities?
NCOIC is focused on creating business opportunities and has recently submitted several bids designed to inform and/or generate new contracts. Consortium representatives also met with several U.S. and Canadian companies at the Sea-Air-Space 2015 Exposition held in Maryland in April and received interest from them in working with the consortium. The Integrated Business Team manages these activities and if you would like to support NCOIC’s new business efforts, please contact Pat Ryan at pat.ryan@ncoic.org or Ed Barger at ed.barger@ncoic.org.

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Cybersecurity Workshop Held in March, Next Event to be Set in June

The NCOIC Cybersecurity IPT hosted an online workshop on March 19 as a follow-up to its successful October event, which focused on barriers and security concerns that inhibit interoperability in federated cloud environments for information exchange in disaster response scenarios. The recent workshop expanded and matured the understanding of barriers and possible solutions. Speakers included three members of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (Dr. Alenka Brown, Dr. Merrick Watchorn and Dr. Anil Karmel) as well as a leader of the International Association of Emergency Managers (Elysa Jones) and The Aerospace Corporation (Dr. Craig Lee).

The Readout Report from the October 2014 Cybersecurity Workshop is available on the member website, and the report from the March event is being finalized and will soon be added; it updates the solutions to barriers identified in the workshop and covers the recommended next steps for the Cybersecurity IPT. The next Cybersecurity Workshop will be held in June and NCOIC members will receive an invitation in May. For more info, contact Cybersecurity IPT chair Andy Born at cybersecurity-chair@ncoic.org.

DISA Leaders Briefed on NCOIC Approach to Interoperability

In April, Tip Slater, NCOIC chief financial officer, spoke at The George Washington University to members of the Executive Leadership Development Program from the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). He participated in a panel discussion on "Building Excellence in Mission Partner Support" that was moderated by Brig. Gen. John Meincke, USAF (Ret).

Slater talked to the DISA leaders (GS 11-14 managers) about the consortium’s approach to enabling cross-domain interoperability and the NCOIC QuadTrangle™. He described how interoperability is based on core technology but is also affected by governance or rules and regulations, business value and organizational culture. During the discussion, other panelists said they felt that culture was typically the biggest barrier to implementation and takes the longest to change. Joining Slater on the panel were: Tony Valletta, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for C3I; Mark Madigan, President/CEO of IT Cadre; Brig. Gen. Vinnie Mancuso, Mobilization Assistant to the Air Force Chief of Staff; and Col. Tim Lunderman, J36 Cyber Operations Director, NGB Advisor to CMDR USCYBERCOM.