

Supply Chain Working Group Scope

Statement of Need

The Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee (CIPC) will support the NERC Board of Trustees (Board) resolution of August 2017 that directs CIPC to develop guidance and other activities to support the Supply Chain set of standards.

Background

The NERC Board may on occasion request technical expertise in developing and prioritizing compliance products. CIPC has supported these requests through the CIPC Executive Committee (EC) on an ad hoc basis. The CIPC EC, acting in response to the Board, approved the formation of an ongoing working group to address the immediate requirements of the Board and long-term needs of asset owners.

SCWG Objectives/Duties

- The CIPC EC will oversee the Supply Chain Working Group (SCWG).
- The SCWG will maintain a roster of technical cyber and operations security experts from the CIPC voting members, alternate members, and other willing participants and conduct the following activities (items from the NERC Board resolution are listed as primary objectives):
 - NERC Board: Identify known supply chain risks and address through guidance documentation or other appropriate vehicles including input to NERC Alerts or the E-ISAC advisories.
 - NERC Board: Partner with National Laboratory (ies) to identify vulnerabilities in legacy equipment and develop mitigation practices.
 - NERC Board: Assist where possible the E-ISAC efforts to engage Department of Energy and Department of Homeland Security to explore information sharing and supply chain risk assessments.
 - NERC Board: Assist NERC staff by providing input and feedback associated with the development and execution of supply chain documents.
 - Coordinate with the North American Transmission Forum (NATF) and other industry groups as appropriate to ensure bulk power system (BPS) asset owner supply chain security requirements are clearly articulated.
- Develop other guidance where needed under the direction of the CIPC EC.

Members and Structure

The SCWG will generally follow the organizational structure and voting rights of the CIPC with the following additions:

- Non-voting members who are industry subject matter experts, for the work at hand.

- A NERC staff member will be assigned as the non-voting SGWG Coordinator.
- The SCWG chair and vice chair(s) will be appointed by the CIPC EC for two-year terms.

Reporting

The Supply Chain WG (SCWG) will administratively report to the CIPC EC.

CSSWG Deliverables and Work Schedule

- The work plan for the SCWG will be documented in the CIPC Strategic Plan and updated as needed by the CIPC EC.
- The SCWG will convene conference calls as needed to address any issues raised by the NERC Board or CIPC EC.
- At a minimum the working group will conduct four meetings per year. Emphasis will be given to conference calls and web-based meetings prior to the CIPC quarterly meeting. If face-to-face is required every effort will be made to meet at the same location as the CIPC quarterly meeting.
- The SCWG chair/vice chair or their designee will provide a report at each CIPC quarterly meeting.
- Process for handling requests will be developed in consultation with EC Sponsor