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Microsoft joins E-ISAC Vendor Affiliate Program Strengthening Grid Security Through Industry Collaboration

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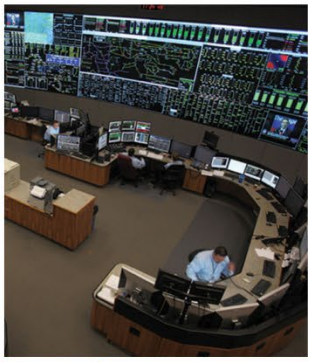
Washington D.C. – NERC's Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC), announced today that Microsoft has joined E-ISAC's Vendor Affiliate Program. The program addresses the ongoing trend of cyber attacks and supply chain compromises by providing a platform for the broader sharing of insights, expertise, and threat perspectives directly with E-ISAC members.

Michael Ball, NERC senior vice president and chief executive officer of the E-ISAC said, "We are delighted to welcome Microsoft to our Vendor Affiliate Program. As the threat landscape evolves, the E-ISAC unites electric industry leaders and security vendors advancing our ability to share insights, expertise and threat perspectives which further enhances our members' security posture to reduce risk and strengthen the industry's collective defense."

Now in its third year, the Vendor Affiliate Program continues to grow with an emphasis on delivering meaningful value to E-ISAC members through briefings, working groups, and the E-ISAC's annual grid security conference, GridSecCon. Some vendors also offer discounted products and services to support E-ISAC members' internal capacity and resilience.

"Security is a team sport, and we're pleased to join the E-ISAC Vendor Affiliate Program alongside others committed to protecting critical infrastructure. At Microsoft, we believe that collaboration across the ecosystem is essential to strengthening resilience and defending against evolving threats. We look forward to contributing our expertise and learning from others as we work together to secure the grid," said Ann Johnson, corporate vice president and deputy CISO at Microsoft.

Microsoft joins an already impressive lineup of program Vendor Affiliate Program participants such as, cyber and physical security solutions providers 1898 & Co., 3B Protection, Cymru, Cyware, Dragos, Fortinet, Insane Cyber, Landis+Gyr, PKI Solutions, and Utilityx. Program participants also include original equipment manufacturers, vendors and cloud providers including Google Cloud, Hitachi Energy, Itron, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Siemens Energy, and Wartsila. SANS Institute is both a vendor and the E-ISAC's inaugural educational partner.



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Each year, Vendor Affiliate Program participants contribute to GridSecCon as speakers, exhibitors, and sponsors. This year, some program members will lead conference sessions, conduct trainings, and host networking events. Signature GridSecCon offerings, such as the CISO Roundtable, (which is co-hosted by program members, Google, and the SANS Institute's cyberattack simulation), reflect purposeful engagement aimed at equipping electric utility members with knowledge and resources to strengthen reliability, resilience, and security of the grid.

Security vendors and/or original equipment manufacturers suppliers that support the electric industry as well as other critical infrastructure industries are eligible to join the Vendor Affiliate Program. Enrollment for the 2026 program year opens October 1. Interested organizations are encouraged to submit an interest form to learn more.

For more information, visit the E-ISAC website or contact vendorprogram@eisac.com.

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Electricity is a key component of the fabric of modern society and NERC, as the Electric Reliability Organization, serves to strengthen that fabric. The vision for the ERO Enterprise, which is comprised of NERC and the six Regional Entities, is a highly reliable and secure North American bulk power system. Our mission is to assure the effective and efficient reduction of risks to the reliability and security of the grid.

The E-ISAC, a division of NERC, reduces cyber and physical security risk to the electric industry across North America by providing quality analysis and rapid sharing of security information on how to mitigate complex, constantly evolving threats to the grid.