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E-ISAC Vendor Affiliate Program Marks One Year of Strengthening Our Grid's Defense

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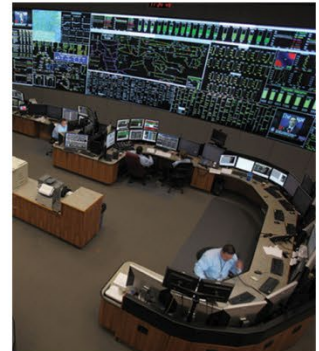
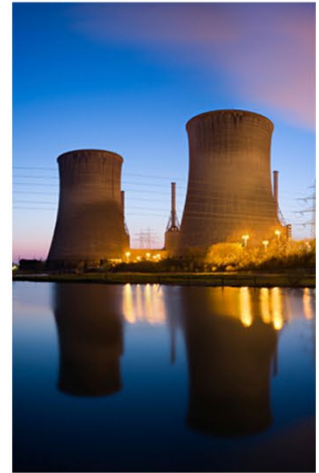
WASHINGTON, D.C. – One year ago, the [Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center](#) (E-ISAC) launched its Vendor Affiliate Program to address the ongoing cyber attacks and supply chain compromises on the North American grid. Since its inception, the program has welcomed a dozen partners committed to improving the security posture of our nation's most critical infrastructure.

"This E-ISAC initiative has facilitated vendor collaboration with electricity industry stakeholders in a trusted environment," said Manny Cancel, NERC senior vice president and chief executive officer of the E-ISAC. "As the threat landscape continues to evolve, the E-ISAC recognizes the importance of collaboration between the electricity industry and its vendors to strengthen our collective defense."

The [Vendor Affiliate Program](#) is focused on increasing information sharing and providing opportunities for collaboration between the electricity industry and the vendor community. Participating vendors participate in the E-ISAC by sharing information on critical vulnerabilities and supply chain impacts as well as contributing thought leadership on security-related threats, technology and solutions.

Participating vendors have the opportunity to participate in many of the E-ISAC's programs and events including the E-ISAC-sponsored grid security exercise, [GridEx](#) and security conference, [GridSecCon](#); as well as on vendor working groups, [the E-ISAC's Industry Engagement Program](#), [monthly briefings](#), among other benefits.

The most recent vendor to join the E-ISAC program is [Google Cloud](#), who is the first major cloud provider to join E-ISAC's Vendor Affiliate Program. Google will share their resources and unique expertise to help the energy sector transition to a more secure, resilient and reliable future. In addition, other participating companies have brought their breadth of knowledge and expertise to the entire E-ISAC member



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community. Other affiliates include 1898 & Co, Axio, Dragos, Finite State, Fortinet, Hitachi Energy, Itron, Nozomi Networks, Sargent & Lundy, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories and Siemens Energy.

The E-ISAC encourages other security vendors and OEM suppliers who support the electricity and other critical infrastructures to become a part of the Vendor Affiliate Program. Enrollment for the 2024 calendar year opened October 1, 2023. More information is available on the [E-ISAC website](#) or by contacting vendorprogram@eisac.com.

“It’s fitting that our enrollment occurs in October, which is [Cyber Security Awareness Month](#),” noted Cancel. “Programs like the Vendor Affiliate Program shine the light on our need to work together in better safeguard our grid. We are grateful to the organization who share our vision of a more secure, resilient and reliable grid and work with us to make it happen.”

Not already an E-ISAC member? The E-ISAC encourages you to [apply to become one](#). Members can share and receive actionable security information in a secure environment, expert analysis on security incidents, and participate in exclusive briefings, programs and conferences.

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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.