BACKGROUND

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) established the Industrial Control Systems Joint Working Group (ICSJWG) to facilitate information sharing and reduce cyber risk to the Nation’s industrial control systems (ICS). ICSJWG facilitates partnerships between Federal, state, and local governments; asset owners and operators; vendors; system integrators; international partners; and academic professionals in all 16 critical infrastructure (CI) sectors. ICSJWG activities and products include:

- Industrial Control Systems Joint Working Group Steering Team (IST),
- Biannual face-to-face meetings,
- Webinars,
- Quarterly newsletters, and
- Informational products

ICSJWG STEERING TEAM (IST)

IST comprises the ICSJWG Program Office and select members from the ICS community, with representation from specific roles such as asset owners, vendors, state and local governments, industry associations, academia, consultants/integrators, and the international community. The goal of bringing this diverse group together to steer ICSJWG is to improve public and private sector collaboration and, subsequently, increase the cyber resiliency of the Nation’s CI. Specifically, IST provides guidance and strategic direction for all ICSJWG activities and future initiatives.

MEETINGS

ICSJWG sponsors biannual face-to-face meetings that provide a forum for all CI stakeholders to gather and exchange ideas as well as to learn about critical cybersecurity issues in ICS. These meetings provide an opportunity for participants to learn about current information, research findings, and practical tools used to enhance ICS security and resiliency. Each meeting offers presentations, panels, and demonstrations. The opportunity to present is open to anyone interested.

WEBINARS

ICSJWG holds webinars throughout the year to inform CI stakeholders about solutions to threats, specific vulnerabilities, and other critical risks to ICS. Webinars also offer an opportunity for ICSJWG members to actively participate and to communicate ideas, tools, and relevant information in an open forum.

NEWSLETTERS

ICSJWG releases a newsletter each quarter to distribute information on upcoming meetings, events, trainings, technology, and other items related to ICS security. ICSJWG members frequently collaborate on quarterly newsletters by submitting articles of interest related to ICS security.
INFORMATIONAL PRODUCTS
Through engagement with IST and the broader ICSJWG community, the ICSJWG Program Office sponsors and releases relevant ICS cybersecurity-related informational products to help increase cybersecurity knowledge and awareness. As an example, the ICSJWG Program Office released “ICSCybersecurity for the C-level,” a document intended to aid in the discussion of basic, critical cybersecurity practices with senior executives.

MEMBERSHIP
ICSJWG membership is voluntary and free to all ICS stakeholders. Members receive all outgoing communication to the ICSJWG community, including newsletters, face-to-face meeting invitations, announcements, training information, calls for comments, etc.

GETTING INVOLVED
ICSJWG encourages members actively participate via any of the following methods:
- Face-to-face meetings: meetings occur biannually, and ICSJWG welcomes the opportunity to present or attend to the entire community.
- Webinars: members have the option to participate or present at any webinar session. Abstract submissions are welcome from everyone in the ICS community.
- Articles: ICSJWG members can submit articles of any technicality to be included in the quarterly newsletter.
- IST: IST meets several times yearly to provide guidance and direction to ICSJWG. IST positions are revolving and voluntary.

Contact ICSJWG
For more information regarding ICSJWG, past presentations, or meetings, please visit the ICSJWG website at us-cert.cisa.gov/ics/Industrial-Control-Systems-Joint-Working-Group-ICSJWG. To become a member of ICSJWG or for any additional questions, please email the ICSJWG Program Office at ICSJWG.Communications@cisa.dhs.gov.

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