

The Energy Sector Control Systems Working Group is a unique public-private partnership recently formed to help guide implementation of the priorities identified in the industry-led *Roadmap to Secure Control Systems in the Energy Sector*. The group seeks to provide a platform for pursuing innovative and practical activities that will improve the security of the control systems that manage our nation's energy infrastructure.

The working group, which ratified its charter in December 2007, is made up of representatives from the Government Coordinating Council for Energy, the Electric Sector Coordinating Council, and the Oil & Natural Gas Sector Coordinating Council. It operates under the framework of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council, a group formed under the National Infrastructure Protection Plan to support the private sector and government in collaborating on infrastructure protection activities.

The working group will meet on March 25 in St. Louis, Missouri. Members have outlined four objectives for their efforts:

- Help identify and implement practical, near-term activities that are high priority for the industry
- Promote the value to the industry of achieving the goals of the Roadmap
- Recommend critical areas for public and private investment
- Measure progress toward Roadmap goals and milestones

Collaboration from both industry and government will leverage funding and expertise to aid the creation of effective security solutions for control systems users. The working group includes representatives from the following organizations:

- Alliant Energy
- ISO Canada
- El Paso Electric Company
- Ergon Refining Company
- NiSource
- CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
- Prairie State Generating Company
- Alyeska Pipeline
- DOE
- DHS Science and Technology Directorate
- DHS National Cyber Security Division
- Entergy Corporation
- BP