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NATF Posts Guidance for Entities Working with Solution Providers

The NATF has posted the “NATF Industry Collaboration: Using Solution Providers for Third-Party Risk Management” guide for industry use. The document clarifies the role of a solution provider and provides guidance for entities that are considering a solution provider’s services to assist with evaluations of suppliers’ cyber security practices. These services, such as gathering supplier information and providing analysis, can provide significant support for an entity’s ongoing supply chain cyber security risk management.

The Industry Organization Team suppliers and solution providers jointly developed the document. They have provided entities with items to consider based on insights from both perspectives and, through the development of this document, strengthened the relationships between the two industries.

The document is available on the NATF [Supply Chain Cyber Security Industry Coordination](#) page.



2021 EPRI-NERC-NATF Planning and Modeling Virtual Seminar

The NATF is partnering with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) to host a planning and modeling seminar focused on planning for a decarbonized grid. Subject-matter experts from across the industry will present on topics such as planning aspects of hybrid plants and bulk electric system storage, use of climate information for assessing the impacts of extreme weather events, and technology impacting the industry.

The seminar will be conducted over two days: November 3-4 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. eastern each day. See the [event flyer](#) for more information.

New Product for NATF Members

The NATF is launching a new offering for members: NATF bulletins. As part of the NATF’s value proposition to actively leverage the strengths of our individual members to make the entire membership stronger, the intent of an NATF bulletin is to improve and promote reliability, security, safety, and resilience through the sharing of actionable information. NATF bulletins share lessons learned and recommendations obtained by aggregating and analyzing member experiences and data to provide opportunities for members to learn without experiencing issues and events first-hand.

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Redacted Operating Experience Reports

We recently posted two new operating experience reports to the “[Documents](#)” section of our public site for members and other utilities to use internally and share with their contractors to help improve safety, reliability, and resilience.

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