

North American Transmission Forum External Newsletter

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NATF Welcomes New Members and Affiliates

Long Island Lighting Company (LIPA) and Seminole Electric are the newest NATF members. LIPA is a municipal utility in New York and Seminole Electric is a generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Tampa, Florida.

We also recently added several independent transmission affiliates under NextEra Energy.

Click [here](#) to learn more about NATF membership.

NERC-NATF-EPRI FERC Order 896 Workshop

The NATF, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) are hosting a joint workshop to discuss the implications of FERC Order No. 896 and the upcoming TPL-008 draft standard regarding extreme weather impacts on transmission planning. The event will focus on integrating climate and weather data into transmission planning tools and methods.

The workshop is open to the public and will take place May 29–30, 2024, in Dallas, Texas. [Registration](#) is open and a draft agenda will be available soon.

Supply Chain Criteria and Questionnaire

Revisions Posted for Comment through April 7

The NATF Criteria and Questionnaire Revision Team has reviewed suggested modifications to the *NATF Supply Chain Security Criteria* and the *Energy Sector Supply Chain Risk Questionnaire*. These documents are key enablers for the electric sector to efficiently improve supply chain security through converging on a standardized approach for obtaining risk information and leveraging existing security frameworks.

The proposed changes are posted for industry-wide comment on the [NATF Supply Chain Cyber Security Industry Coordination](#) page. A summary of changes is available in the “Change Log” section of each document, and changes are indicated by red font. Feedback on the proposed changes can be submitted to supplychain@natf.net through April 7.

The revision team will review comments in April and make any final determinations. The updated documents will be posted following NATF approval.

Model

The *NATF Supply Chain Security Criteria* and *Energy Sector Supply Chain Risk Questionnaire* are tools to be used in the “Collect Information” step of the *Supply Chain Security Assessment Model*. This five-step model provides a solid foundation for identifying, assessing, and mitigating supply chain risks and allows flexibility in each entity’s implementation. Further, the model and complementary products from other organizations provide tools that

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support good supply chain security practices. When executed properly and with a focus on security, the model assists entities with meeting the compliance requirements of the NERC supply chain reliability standards.

The *Supply Chain Security Assessment Model* and additional resources can be found on the [NATF Supply Chain Cyber Security Industry Coordination](#) page.

Supplier Sharing Calls

NATF supplier sharing calls are developed and hosted by renowned individuals from key suppliers and organizations in the electric power industry. Our upcoming meetings are listed below.

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

1:00–2:30 pm Eastern

[Register](#)

- This session will look at geopolitical risks, evaluating whether a potential risk will become an actual threat, and when to begin taking mitigating actions.

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

1:00–2:30 pm Eastern

[Register](#)

- By request, this call will feature a discussion on software bills of materials (SBOMs).

The discussions will be led by representatives of the hosting suppliers: Aspen Technology / OSI, Hitachi Energy, SEL, Siemens Energy, Hitachi Energy, and Schneider Electric. In addition, the calls are supported by representatives from the International Society of Automation (ISA), the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), and the US Chamber of Commerce.

The intent of these calls is to encourage conversation among suppliers, provide a forum for suppliers to share forefront security concerns and how to address them, and discuss general security practices. The calls are applicable to suppliers of all sizes and security maturity.

Redacted Operating Experience Reports

We recently posted a new operating experience report 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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