Call for Contributors/Panelists/Speakers
19th Annual EnergySec Security and Compliance Summit
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What's in it for me?
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EnergySec is pleased to open the Call for Speakers for our 19th annual Security and Compliance Summit. This 3-day event offers multiple opportunities to share your expertise, real life experiences, and creative approaches to common problems with your peers in industry. To promote even more interaction and collaboration, this year's format will feature more extended breakout sessions and town-hall style sessions on key topics affecting industry. Not a fan of solo presenting? No problem! Take this opportunity to participate as a contributor in one of the interactive discussion sessions. Share your expertise without the hassle of creating large slide decks or the stress of prolonged monologues.

Participation interest and/or full speaking proposals should be emailed to cfs@energysec.org no later than March 18th, 2024. A draft agenda will be released on April 22nd, 2024.

To request participation as a panelist or breakout session contributor, please provide the following:

- Full Name
- Email Address
- Company/Organization
- Job Title
- Brief description of your background and expertise
- Topic, Panel, or Breakout Session of interest

To submit a full speaking proposal, please provide the following:

- Full Name
- Speaker name(s) (if different than submitter)
- Email Address
- Company/Organization
- Job Title
- Short Biography
- Title and Abstract for presentation
- Time allotment desired. NOTE: Plenary session speaking slots are 30 minutes. Presentations during breakout sessions have more flexibility, but the preference is for shorter presentations with interactive discussion as follow-up.

All submissions will be carefully considered, but preference is given to speakers currently employed at energy industry asset owners. Speaking opportunities exist in three general categories as listed below:

Breakout Sessions

Breakout sessions are designed to provide a deeper look at areas of focus. Potential session topics are listed below. Note that some sessions may have restricted attendance, such as "utility-only," or require invitation or prior approval.

Potential Breakout Session Tracks

Specific topics will be finalized based on input from the Summit Program Committee and response to this Call for Speakers. Potential topics are listed below. Additional topics may be identified during development of the preliminary agenda.

Physical Security

Topics related to physical protection of critical energy infrastructure including attack trends, emerging threats, potential new regulations, new tools and techniques, etc.

Security Analyst Summit

A gathering of security analysts working on the front lines of day-to-day defense in the energy sector. Share experiences, trends, threats, tools, tips, tactics, and get to know your colleagues in the industry.

Workforce Solutions

What is working to build, strengthen, and retain a highly qualified security workforce for the energy industry.

Leadership Topics

Presentations and discussion related to key topics confronting CSO's, CISO's, and other security leadership positions.

Security Operations

Tips, tricks, lessons learned, and other gems of wisdom from energy sector security practitioners. Topics may include security monitoring, incident response, forensics, access administration, configuration monitoring, incident analysis, case studies, and related topics.

Cybersecurity Regulatory Issues

This session is focused on security regulatory issues in the energy sector. Topics may include a range of NERC CIP related areas, FERC initiatives, state-level regulation, and comparable items.

Or propose your own…

Have an idea for a killer breakout session? Let us know what the topic is and who would help organize it. We will throw it into the mix for consideration by the Program Committee.

Plenary Session Presentations

We have several 30-minute speaking opportunities available for presentations related to security or compliance in the energy sector. We welcome submittals from any interested party but note that presentations designed primarily to promote a company's services, capabilities, or products will not be approved via the Call for Speakers. However, a limited number of sponsored speaking slots are available. We encourage vendors to offer SMEs as panelists or contributors to our breakout sessions and/or townhall topics.

Topics of Interest

We will consider a broad range of topics relevant to cyber security in the energy sector. The topics below are of particular interest, but we will entertain other compelling proposals too.

- **Right of Boom**: Briefings on findings and lessons learned from security incidents within the industry.

- **Tales from the SOC:** Share your war stories from the front lines of incident response and threat hunting.
- **Cousin Chronicles:** Words of wisdom from our cousins in other critical infrastructure sectors or energy sub sectors.
- **Sleepless Nights**: What new threats, vulnerabilities, or technologies are keeping you up at night?
- **Silver Linings**: The cloud is everywhere. How are utilities improving their security by leveraging cloud applications?
- **Made in?** Supply Chain Issues.
- **Rise of the Machines**: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Big Data, Security Automation, and more. Are smarter systems supporting security schemes or will it all come back to bite us?
- **New Kids on the Block**: Case studies on new security tools that are making a difference.

Town Hall Panels

A facilitator and up to three (3) panelists will form the center of an interactive town-hall style discussion of a key topic related to security or compliance in the energy sector. These sessions will operate under Chatham house rules, have no slides, and media will be excluded.

Potential Topics

Supply Chain
Supply Chain continues to be a hot topic. What are the key next steps and who should be doing what? Are SBOMs and HBOMs (and maybe FBOMs) hope or hype? Will (should, can) the government provide meaningful guidance? Who can we trust? Can we trust anyone? What is your favorite brand of whiskey?

The Changing Grid
Cyber Crime, International Conflicts, Expanding Renewables, Distributed Resources, Inverter-based Resources, Demand-Response, Distribution Automation, Severe Weather, Wildfires, Markets, Regulation, and more. The operation of the grid is undergoing profound changes. How are these changes affecting security paradigms? What challenges and opportunities are emerging from the chaos? Where can I buy candles?

Leveling Up Security
With all the security-focused efforts of the past decade and more it is hard to imagine that there is still a demand for more. But our adversaries continue to up their game and their targets. What do we need to do as an industry to take our security to the next level to get ahead, or at least keep pace, with the growing threat? Can we get more budget, or must we trade in last year's plan for a new model? What's the next ~~PKI VPN IDS IPS MFA Blockchain Zero-trust~~, well you get the idea.

You Must Be This Tall to Ride.
Regulations are all the rage, but can they move the needle on real security? How can we balance supporting innovation while ensuring minimum standards are met? How do we not crush smaller organizations with compliance paperwork? What should the minimum standards be? Should states bring mandatory standards to distribution? Should the Feds do more? Are there standards that should go away? Bring coins for the swear jar.

Speaker Benefits

We cannot promise you fame and fortune but getting your name on the EnergySec agenda can be rewarding, nonetheless. Here is a list of reasons you should consider participating:

- Registration discounts. Panelists and contributors receive a complimentary Summit Day Pass for the day they are speaking, or a discounted full conference pass. Plenary session speakers receive a complimentary full conference pass.
- CPE/CEU credits. Most certifications that require continuing education allow credit for speaking. EnergySec will provide a participation certificate and any attendance certificates to support your claim for these credits.
- Access to our Disneyland Hotel room block and discounted park tickets. Need we say more?
- Support industry security efforts and influence change. Our stage provides a platform to share your expertise and opinions on important topics. Be an industry influencer and help secure our critical infrastructure!
- Professional Development. Need to up your public speaking game? There is no better (or safer) space to do so than among friends at the EnergySec Summit.
- Speaker gifts that keep you out of trouble. All contributors will receive a modest gift that is guaranteed to keep you out of trouble with respect to your organization's conflict of interest or gifting policies. But we are sure you will treasure it anyway. (Hey, we said gift, not grift).