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At ES&S we have a role and responsibility to ensure the security of the voting systems we produce and we take this responsibility very seriously. People want to know what we're doing to support that commitment, and we really love to talk about it. On that note, we're excited to share a recent press release about some of the latest actions we have taken to uphold that responsibility!



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Omaha, Nebr. – Election Systems and Software (ES&S) is pleased to announce multiple steps, including deeper partnerships with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISAC), plus the installation of advanced threat monitoring, to further security in the U.S. voting environment.

First, ES&S will soon begin the installation of Albert network security sensors in its voter registration environments. Albert is a unique network security monitoring solution that provides continuous remote monitoring and delivery of automated alerts on both traditional and advanced network threats for state and local jurisdictions, allowing election jurisdictions and ES&S to respond quickly when data may be at risk. Combined with an in-depth review conducted by expert analysts through the Center for Internet Security's (CIS) 24/7 Security Operations Center, Albert is a fully monitored and managed service which will complement ES&S' existing, robust suite of cybersecurity controls.

Second, ES&S is pleased to announce memberships in two Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISAC): The Elections Infrastructure ISAC (EI-ISAC) and the Information Technology ISAC (IT-ISAC). An ISAC is a nonprofit organization that provides a central resource for gathering information on cyber threats to critical infrastructure and two-way sharing of information between the private and public sector.

Through membership in the EI-ISAC, ES&S gains access to election-specific threat alerts, cybersecurity awareness and training products, and tools for implementing security best practices. Additionally, as members of the IT-ISAC, ES&S is afforded opportunities to proactively analyze and share IT-focused threats to protect the nation's voting systems and make them even more resilient to cyber-attacks. Under the leadership of the IT-ISAC, ES&S is a founding member of the newly formed Elections Industry Special Interest Group (EI-SIG). The EI-SIG was formed to allow election vendors to expand information sharing concerning threats to election IT systems and engage in dialogue across sectors.

Finally, ES&S is also pleased to announce new partnerships with multiple Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Critical Infrastructure Program offices including the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) and the National Cybersecurity Assessment and Technical Services (NCATS) to conduct cyber hygiene scans of ES&S public-facing internet presence, monitor and share cyber threat information, detect and report indicators of compromise, develop and distribute election security best practices, and raise the election security awareness of election officials and the voting public.

"The latest technology and active partnerships enable ES&S, together with state and local elections officials, to strengthen the democratic process and elevate the protection of the critical elections infrastructure to a new level of security, accountability and reliability," ES&S President and CEO Tom Burt said. "As a leading provider of election services and products to election officials across the country, ES&S recognizes the importance of collaboration in enhancing cyber-protections to ensure the integrity of the U.S. vote, and we're honored to partner with DHS, EI-ISAC and IT-ISAC in furthering security."

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