

Standards Announcement

Project 2016-03 Cyber Security Supply Chain Management

Drafting Team Nomination Period Open through August 18, 2016

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Nominations are being sought for members of the Project 2016-03 Standards Authorization Request and standard drafting team (SDT) through **8 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, August 18, 2016**.

On July 21, 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued [Order No. 829](#) that directed NERC to develop a new or modified Reliability Standard that addresses supply chain risk management for industrial control system hardware, software, and computing and networking services associated with Bulk Electric System (BES) operations as follows:

"[The Commission directs] NERC to develop a forward-looking, objective-based Reliability Standard to require each affected entity to develop and implement a plan that includes security controls for supply chain management for industrial control system hardware, software, and services associated with bulk electric system operations. The new or modified Reliability Standard should address the following security objectives, [discussed in detail in the Order]: (1) software integrity and authenticity; (2) vendor remote access; (3) information system planning; and (4) vendor risk management and procurement controls."

The Commission also directed the new or revised Standard to be filed within one-year of the effective date of the Order.

Potential SDT members for Project 2016-03 Cyber Security Supply Chain Management should have significant management experience or subject matter expertise with the global supply system related to communications and control hardware, software, and services affecting BES operations and BES Cyber Systems. Expertise with developing and implementing controls, including policies, practices, guidelines, and standards designed to mitigate the introduction of cybersecurity risks in the supply chain is needed, with emphasis on experience in the four objectives outlined above. Also, there is a need for a team member(s) with an understanding of the CIP Standards as discussed in Order No. 829 as well as procurement practices for BES Cyber Assets, with a focus on cyber security. In addition, compliance, legal, regulatory, facilitation, and technical writing skills are desired. Previous drafting team experience or other experience with development of standards is beneficial, but not required.

A significant time commitment is expected of SDT members to meet the one-year regulatory deadline established in Order No. 829. SDT activities include participation in technical conferences,

stakeholder communications and outreach events, periodic drafting team meetings and conference calls. Approximately two in-person meetings per quarter can be expected (on average three full working days each meeting), as well as periodic conference calls as needed.

Use the [electronic form](#) to submit a nomination. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, contact [Nasheema Santos](#). An unofficial Word version of the nomination form is posted on the [Standard Drafting Team Vacancies](#) page and the [project page](#).

Next Steps

NERC staff will present nominations to the Standards Committee in September 2016. Nominees will be notified shortly after the appointments have been made.

For information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

For more information or assistance, contact Senior Standards Developer, [Mark Olson](#) (via email) or at (404) 446-9760.

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