National Defense ISAC Announces Official Formation

New national defense industry ISAC is now official, with full support, approval and merging with the Defense Industrial Base ISAO and DSIE.

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES, October 25, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The National Defense Information Sharing and Analysis Center™ (National Defense ISAC™ or NDISAC™) has officially been established with a mission to enhance the security and resiliency of the defense industry and its strategic partners. NDISAC serves as the national defense sector's principal focal point for all hazards to the sector, and is excited to discuss any company's interest in membership.

NDISAC merged with the Defense Industrial Base Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (DIB-ISAO), a 501(c)6 organization for cyber threat sharing and collaboration, on September 28, 2017, after members voted and the Board of Directors approved the merger and the eventual dissolution of the DIB-ISAO. The Defense Security Information Exchange (DSIE), the DIB cyber threat center of excellence previously under DIB-ISAO, will now be the premier sharing community within NDISAC.

The announcement of the formation of the National Defense ISAC comes in response to efforts to meaningfully address the security of the DIB, DIB suppliers, and other interdependent interests of the defense industry. The new National Defense ISAC will be expanding the existing DSIE scope and DIB-ISAO membership base to focus on cyber as well as, physical, industrial, and insider threat security issues relevant to the defense industry. Members will be able to leverage security data, tools, services, and best practices in a high-trust, high-collaboration, high-activity industry sharing environment.

"We are continuing to build on the success of DSIE's tailored collaboration capabilities by widening the aperture and establishing the National Defense ISAC. The National Defense ISAC will provide an environment for tiered sharing across the DIB spectrum of companies and organizations," said DSIE Board Member Mark Ackerman, who is among those spearheading the effort. "This overarching ISAC will enable cross collaboration from large mature companies and organizations to the smallest supplier."

"I am excited about efforts that we are planning that will continue to maintain the best collaborative space for sharing about advanced cyber threats targeting the defense sector." Commented Carlos Kizzee, Executive Director of DSIE. "I also want to secure for our industry the ability to grow talent that will help to protect all that is critical to the defense industry against all

hazards. I am excited to be transitioning the DIB-ISAO scope and reach through our merger into the National Defense ISAC."

"This model will continue to leverage the trust concepts developed within DSIE while providing an avenue for continued sharing of security best practices, threats, etc., along with new service offerings," remarked Ackerman.

The NDISAC will act as a central hub for defense industry relevant information and analysis, and will provide the opportunity for timely sharing of cyber and physical threat information and potential vulnerabilities. DSIE will continue its independent and unique organizational identity, and will remain the highly-selective, highly-active, high-quality information sharing and collaboration environment that it has become over the past 10 years. Maintaining a trusted DSIE cyber threat collaboration environment for the sharing of high-quality threat intelligence will remain at our core and will continue to be a most valued product of the organization.

The NDISAC organization will also develop and enable broader information sharing mechanisms, services, collaborative engagements, and training opportunities for the spectrum of cyber, physical, industrial, and insider threat security concerns relevant to the DIB, our DIB suppliers, and to our related business interdependencies; all whom are eligible for NDISAC membership.

For more information, visit https://ndisac.org/.

About Defense Security Information Exchange (DSIE)
DSIE is the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) cyber center of excellence, focused on protecting and defending DIB critical cyber networks and related systems. Established in 2008, DSIE provides companies with a high-trust environment for collaboration on current and emerging cyber threats, security practices and in-depth analysis. DSIE's unique trust model encourages an active level of high-quality peer-to-peer collaboration about threat activities and best practices. DSIE maintains key relationships with the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, and peer ISAC organizations within the National Council of ISACs. For more information on DSIE, please contact memberadmin@dsie.org or visit www.dsie.org.

About National Defense Information Sharing and Analysis Center™ (NDISAC™ or National Defense ISAC™)
NDISAC is the national defense sector's non-profit organization formed to enhance the security and resiliency of the defense industry and its strategic partners. NDISAC provides defense sector stakeholders a community and forum for sharing cyber and physical security threat information, best practices and mitigation strategies and is developed to serve as the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) Sector's critical infrastructure protection operational coordination mechanism.

Formerly known as the DIB-ISAO, the NDISAC is the umbrella organization for the Defense Security Information Exchange (DSIE). NDISAC is recognized nationally within the US as the ISAC for the nation's defense industry critical infrastructure sector by the Defense Industry Sector Coordinating Council, the US Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, and the National Council of ISACs. For more information, visit www.ndisac.org.

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