2013 FIRST Fall Symposium: Computer Incident Response in the Energy Sector

Dates: October 28th-29th
Lansdowne Resort - Leesburg, VA (Washington DC area)
http://www.first.org/events/symposium/energy2013

The Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST) is pleased to announce our 2013 Fall Symposium for the Energy Sector. FIRST is a global non-profit organization focused on knowledge sharing among computer incident response and security teams. We are seeking authors and speakers to bring forth their knowledge and expertise to this event.

This conference will bring together computer security incident response and security team professionals from all over the world and provide a forum for experts to promote, share, and discuss issues relating to developments in the field of Incident Response relating to the Energy Sector.

Symposium Overview

Recent reports have shown that the Energy Sector has seen a large increase in the reported number of cyber attacks. The need to protect against threats and improve upon incident management has never been greater.

Many control systems are already networked and are target of sophisticated attacks. Organizations will benefit from having a specialized team to work on detection and handling of cyber attacks, analyzing incidents and sharing information with other security organizations.

The FIRST Symposium will focus on lessons learned from attacks and technology and sector specific security aspects. Strong emphasis will be given to organizational issues like creation and operation of incident response teams.

On Day 2, we will also run a concurrent track for TRANSITS, a high-quality training to both new and experienced Computer Security and Incident Response Team personnel, as well as individuals with an interest in establishing a CSIRT. TRANSITS training is not a deep technical dive, but is aimed at security professionals or strategists.

Topics For Discussion:

The Symposium Committee invites practitioners and academics worldwide to submit abstracts for review and presentation within the topics related to Incident Response In the Energy Sector. The conference may not be organized around traditional functionally oriented tracks, but broader topical concentrations. The areas listed below are but examples and the conference encourages innovative, forward-thinking submissions.

Topic Areas of Interest:
- Energy Incident Response Management Best Practices, Policies and Procedures
- Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing
- Malware Analysis
- Security of Industrial Control Systems Used in the Energy Sector
- The Intersection of Incident Response and Digital Forensics
- Business Continuity Planning/Disaster Recovery
- Incident Response Program Development
- Technology Evaluation and Selection

General Submission Information:

For your submission, please provide the following information to energy-symposium@first.org by August 23rd.

- Title
- Brief Summary (Abstract)
- Presenter's Name and Affiliation
- Estimated Duration of Presentation

Abstracts will be reviewed and authors notified of decisions by September 5, 2013.

Submission Notes:
Proposals must be in English.
Proposals should describe original work.
All proposals must be non-sales or marketing orientated.
Generally, FIRST does not pay per diem, honoraria, or expenses.

Conference Information

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Location: Lansdowne Resort, Leesburg, VA (Washington DC area)
There is a reduced accommodation rate $129 per night for FIRST Symposium attendees – details will be available on the FIRST Website www.first.org

Cost:
- Early Bird Rate - $95 through 25 August
- Regular Rate - $145 through 25 September
- Late/Onsite Rate – $195

* Registration rate includes breakfast, lunch and breaks on Monday and Tuesday.