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FS-ISAC ANNOUNCES SIMULATED CYBER SECURITY EXERCISE FOR BANKS AND CREDIT UNIONS INVOLVED WITH PAYMENTS, ACH, ONLINE BANKING

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN TO QUALIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES FIRMS; OVER 500 TEAMS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN TWO-DAY CYBER SECURITY SIMULATION

Reston, VA -- August 21, 2013 -- FS-ISAC, the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center today announced open registration for the fourth annual simulated cyber security exercise related to payment processes utilized by banks and credit unions. The two-day exercise enables security, risk and IT professionals to experience extremely realistic scenarios in order to train and test critical cyber incident response practices. The exercise is conducted across hundreds of participant teams in a safe, monitored environment. Ultimately these exercises are designed to help harden financial institutions against present and future cyber attacks.

“As the longest running annual cyber security simulation run by and for financial services organizations, hundreds of firms and thousands of participants have benefited from this annual exercise,” states Bill Nelson, President and CEO, FS-ISAC. “The exercise is designed to test existing preparation and practices, promote cross-functional collaboration and quickly identify gaps. It also helps enable rapid information gathering and analysis that can be turned into actionable cyber security and incident response improvements. We expect a record participation this year and welcome all qualified organizations to register.”

More Details:

Who: Security & fraud professionals, risk & compliance professionals, IT professionals, payment operations, corporate communications professionals that work directly for qualified financial services firms in the banking, credit union, payment systems and brokerage sectors.

Which firms: Any financial institution that sends or receives ACH transactions, checks or wires. Any financial institution that utilizes online banking for their customers or members. Any bank or credit union that processes payments.

What: A two-day simulated cyber incident exercise. All participant data is anonymized and securely handled. No production systems are utilized for this exercise. Aggregated benchmark results will be published to participants after the exercise.

When: October 16-17 Registration Deadline: 10/09/13; October 23-24, 2013 Registration Deadline: 10/16/13

Where: Online and via conference call

Register: www.fsisac.com/capp (Participation is free. All registrations require validation. You do not have to be an FS-ISAC Member to participate)

Select Comments from Last Year's Participants:

"We participated last year and noticed we felt much more confident about our ability to respond this year. It is a valuable process."

This was a terrific exercise and, very helpful for our executive management team in understanding the true, complex nature of today's threat environment."

"This exercise drew together employees from many areas of our financial institution, and everyone commented on how useful it was. It provided a lot of food for thought, and we have some valuable takeaways from the experience."

"The exercise scenarios were extremely well thought out and realistic."

About FS-ISAC

The Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center, formed in 1999, is a member-owned non-profit and private financial sector initiative. It was designed and developed by its member institutions. Its primary function is to share timely, relevant and actionable physical and cyber security threat and incident information to enhance the ability of the financial services sector to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the risk associated with these threats. Constantly gathering reliable and timely information between its members, and from financial services providers, commercial security firms, government agencies, law enforcement and other trusted resources, the FS-ISAC is uniquely positioned to quickly disseminate physical and cyber threat alerts and other critical information. This information includes analysis and recommended solutions from leading industry experts. Please visit our website (www.fsisac.com) for additional information.

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