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## **Space ISAC Welcomed as Member of the National Council of ISACs**

**WASHINGTON, D.C., July 16, 2020** – The National Council of ISACs (NCI) has welcomed the [Space Information Sharing and Analysis Center](#) (Space ISAC) to its list of members. The NCI, formed in 2003, is a true cross-sector partnership, providing a forum for sharing cyber and physical threats and mitigation strategies among the various critical infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs) and with partners such as government.

“We look forward to having the Space ISAC join the NCI as we all partner together to ensure the resilience of the critical infrastructure sectors globally,” said Denise Anderson, chair of the NCI. “The more we can share and work with each other, the stronger we will all be.”

The need for a Space ISAC was conceived by the Science & Technology Partnership Forum in 2017 and was officially launched in April 2019 at the 35th Space Symposium. The Space ISAC is the only space-dedicated ISAC and serves to facilitate collaboration across the global space industry to enhance the ability to prepare for and respond to vulnerabilities, incidents, and threats; to disseminate timely and actionable information among member entities; and to be the primary communications channel for the space sector with respect to this information. This work is made possible through collaboration of a broad membership that spans the entire horizon of the space industry, including organizations large and small involved in the space supply chain, space missions, education and research, space business systems, launch, space systems engineering, payload design, space vehicles, cybersecurity, space communications, intelligence, cloud and data processing, and more.

“The Space ISAC is honored to be recognized by the National Council of ISACs,” said Frank Backes, chairman of the Space ISAC Board and senior vice president of Kratos Space Federal. “Participation with the NCI will accelerate the development of the Space ISAC and improve our ability to exchange security best practices, vulnerability information, and mitigation techniques across national critical infrastructure communities.”

Space ISAC members are leading the global space community to identify and respond to threats and mitigating risks to the space mission and regularly convene to protect the space sector and reduce operational costs by sharing threat intel, analyzing trends, conducting workshops and gaining firsthand knowledge through training. Together, the Space ISAC membership is driving long-term space security today and into the next era by expanding the collective industry knowledge bank.

The Space ISAC is headquartered in Colorado Springs, CO, and is co-located with the National Cybersecurity Center (NCC) which acts as the Space ISAC's executive, operational, and administrative function. To visit the brand-new Space ISAC website or find out more about membership, please visit: [www.s-isac.org](http://www.s-isac.org).

### **About NCI**

Sector-based Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs) collaborate and coordinate with each other via the National Council of ISACs (NCI). Formed in 2003, the NCI today is comprised of organizations designated by their sectors as their information sharing and operational arms.



The NCI is a true cross-sector partnership, providing a forum for sharing cyber and physical threats and mitigation strategies among ISACs and with government and private sector partners during both steady-state conditions and incidents requiring cross-sector response. Sharing and coordination is accomplished through daily and weekly calls between ISAC operations centers, daily reports, requests-for-information, monthly meetings, exercises, and other activities as situations require. The NCI also organizes its own drills and exercises and participates in national exercises. For more information, visit <https://www.nationalisacs.org/>.

### **About Space ISAC**

Launched in 2019, the Space Information Sharing and Analysis Center (Space ISAC) is the only space-dedicated ISAC and serves to facilitate collaboration across the global space industry to enhance the ability to prepare for and respond to vulnerabilities, incidents, and threats; to disseminate timely and actionable information among member entities; and to be the primary communications channel for the space sector with respect to this information. This work is made possible through collaboration of a broad membership that spans the entire horizon of the space industry, including organizations large and small involved in space supply chain, business systems, and missions. Together, Space ISAC members are leading the global space community and driving long-term space security today and into the next era by identifying and responding to threats, mitigating risks to the space mission, and regularly convening to protect the space sector and reduce operational costs through sharing threat intel, analyzing trends, and conducting workshops and training. A watch center and lab will be operational in 2021 at the Space ISAC offices, co-located with the National Cybersecurity Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. For more information, visit <https://s-isac.org/>.

### **Space ISAC Founding Members**

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### **About the Space Dynamics Laboratory**

The Space Dynamics Laboratory (SDL) has been solving the technical challenges faced by the military, science community, and industry for six decades and supports NASA's vision to reveal the unknown for the benefit of humankind. As one of 14 University Affiliated Research Centers, SDL serves as a subject matter expert in its core research areas to the U.S. Government, ensuring that essential engineering and technology capabilities are maintained. SDL is a research laboratory headquartered in North Logan, UT, and has offices in Albuquerque, NM; Bedford, MA; Dayton, OH; Huntsville, AL; Houston, TX; Los Angeles, CA; Stafford, VA; and Washington, DC. For more information, visit [www.sdl.usu.edu](http://www.sdl.usu.edu).

### **About Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory**

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### **About University of Colorado Colorado Springs**

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) offers 52 bachelor's, 24 master's and eight doctoral degree programs. UCCS enrolls more than 12,000 students on campus. For more information, visit [www.uccs.edu](http://www.uccs.edu).

### **About the National Cybersecurity Center**

The National Cybersecurity Center (NCC) is recognized as a leader in cybersecurity and serves as the executive, operational, and administrative arm of the Space ISAC. Locating the Space ISAC at the NCC allows Space ISAC members to have access to Colorado's space and cybersecurity ecosystems within the commercial and defense sectors and to the talents of the premier higher education institutions developing cybersecurity engineers. Together, NCC and the Space ISAC serve cyber influencers from the commercial sector, academia, government, and military and empower people to secure commercial, international, and military space communications from attacks on our global space assets. With the addition of the Space ISAC, NCC is offering training on secure GPS and hosts a dialogue on the importance of international

and commercial satellites on military communication at the annual Cyber Symposium. Visit [www.cyber-center.org](http://www.cyber-center.org) for more information.

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