

Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

Implementation of Executive Order 13636

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Resources

Where to Learn More and Stay Current

The National Institute of Standards and Technology Web site is available at <http://www.nist.gov>

NIST Computer Security Division Computer Security Resource Center is available at <http://csrc.nist.gov/>

The *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity* and related news and information are available at www.nist.gov/cyberframework

For additional Framework info and help cyberframework@nist.gov



National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

About NIST

- Part of the U.S. Department of Commerce
- NIST's mission is to develop and promote measurement, standards, and technology to enhance productivity, facilitate trade, and improve the quality of life.
- 3,000 employees
- 2,700 guest researchers
- 1,300 field staff in partner organizations
- Two main locations: Gaithersburg, MD and Boulder, CO

NIST Priority Research Areas



Advanced Manufacturing



IT and Cybersecurity



Healthcare



Forensic Science



Disaster Resilience



Cyber-physical Systems



Advanced Communications

The Role of NIST



- Role in cybersecurity began in 1972 with the development of the Data Encryption Standard – began when commercial sector also has a legitimate need for cryptography, including in ATMs.
- Charter for both public and private sectors
- Non-regulatory
- Using **widely-accepted standards** helps create **competitive markets around market need** through combinations of price, quality, performance, and value to consumers. It then promotes faster diffusion of these technologies throughout industry.
 - Ensure timely availability of standards, and associated testing, that address identified NIST IT Laboratory priorities, including national priorities established in statute or administration policy;
 - Achieve cost-efficient, timely and effective solutions to legitimate regulatory, procurement and policy objectives;
 - Promote standards and standardization systems that enable innovation and foster US competitiveness; and
 - Facilitate international trade and avoid the creation of unnecessary obstacles to trade.

Executive Order: Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

“It is the policy of the United States to enhance the security and resilience of the Nation’s critical infrastructure and to maintain a cyber environment that encourages efficiency, innovation, and economic prosperity while promoting safety, security, business confidentiality, privacy, and civil liberties”



President Barack Obama

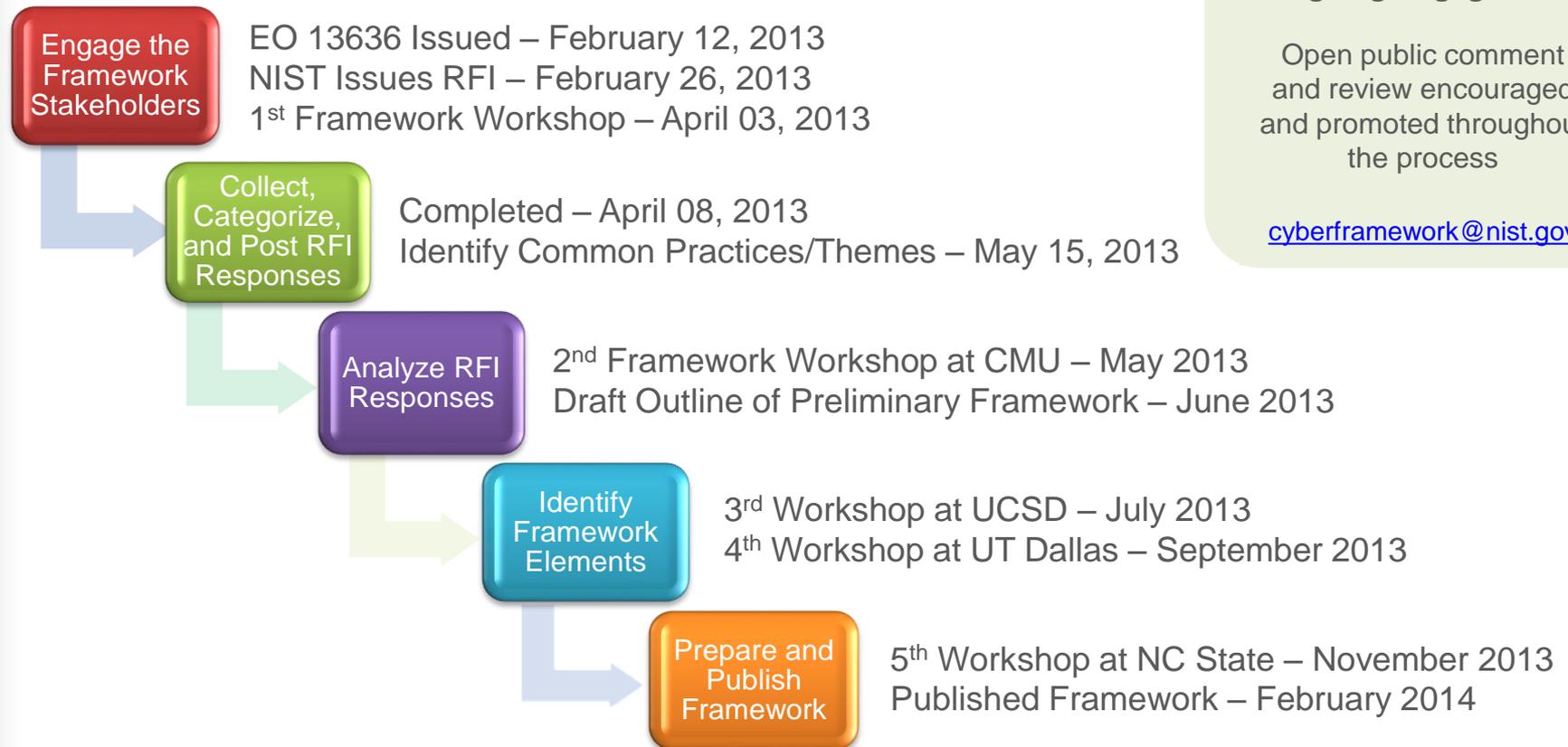
Executive Order 13636, Feb. 12, 2013

- The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) was directed to work with stakeholders to develop a **voluntary framework for reducing cyber risks to critical infrastructure**
- Version 1.0 of the framework was released on Feb. 12, 2014, along with a **roadmap for future work**

Based on the Executive Order, the Cybersecurity Framework Must

- Include a set of standards, methodologies, procedures, and processes that align policy, business, and technological approaches to address cyber risks
- Provide a prioritized, flexible, repeatable, performance-based, and cost-effective approach, including information security measures and controls, to help owners and operators of critical infrastructure identify, assess, and manage cyber risk
- Identify areas for improvement to be addressed through future collaboration with particular sectors and standards-developing organizations
- Be consistent with voluntary international standards

Development of the Framework

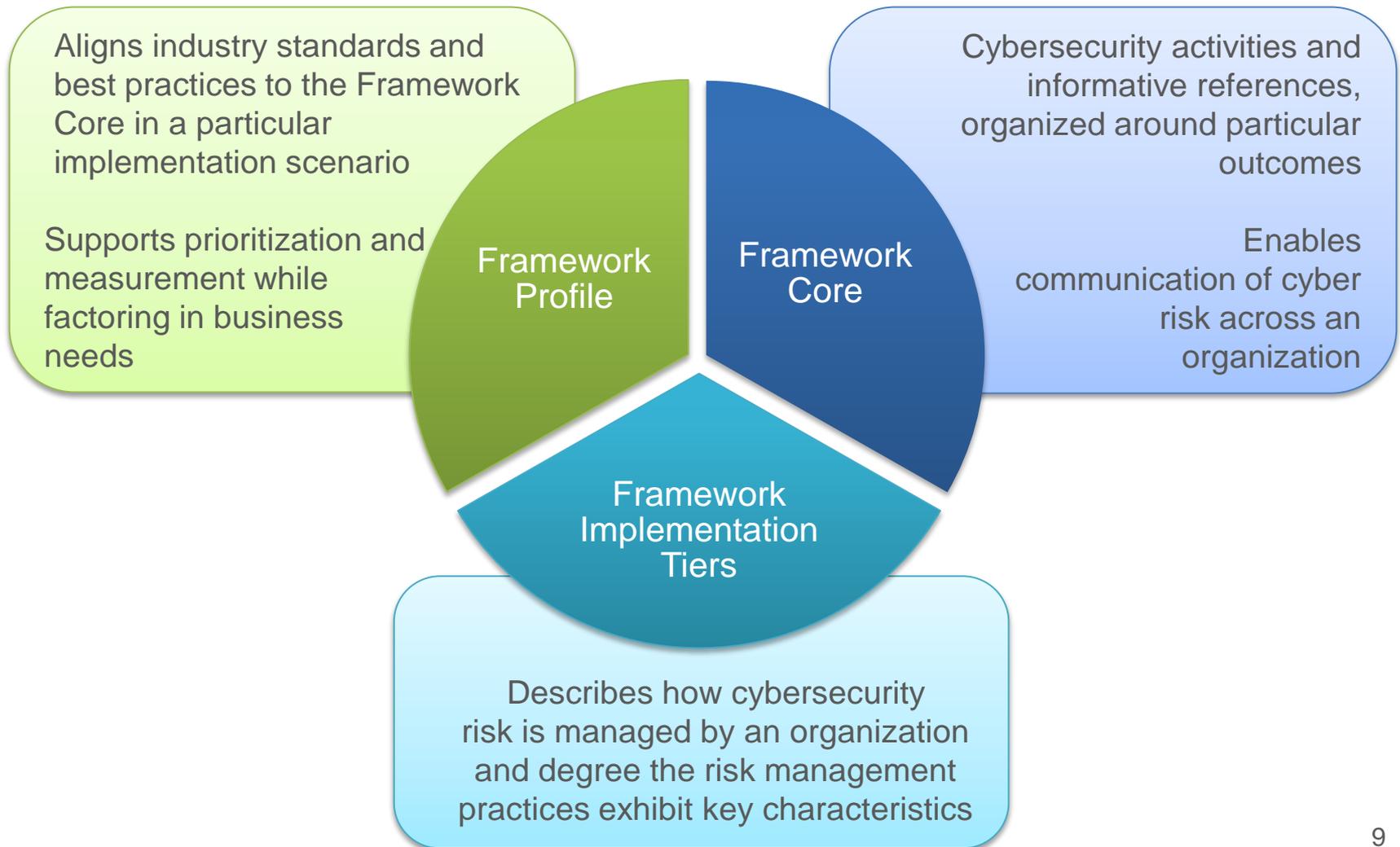


Ongoing Engagement:

Open public comment and review encouraged and promoted throughout the process

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Framework Components



Framework Core

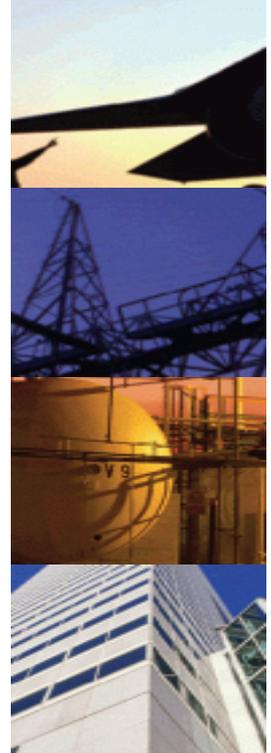
	Functions	Categories	Subcategories	Informative References
What assets need protection?	IDENTIFY			
What safeguards are available?	PROTECT			
What techniques can identify incidents?	DETECT			
What techniques can contain impacts of incidents?	RESPOND			
What techniques can restore capabilities?	RECOVER			

Framework Core Excerpt

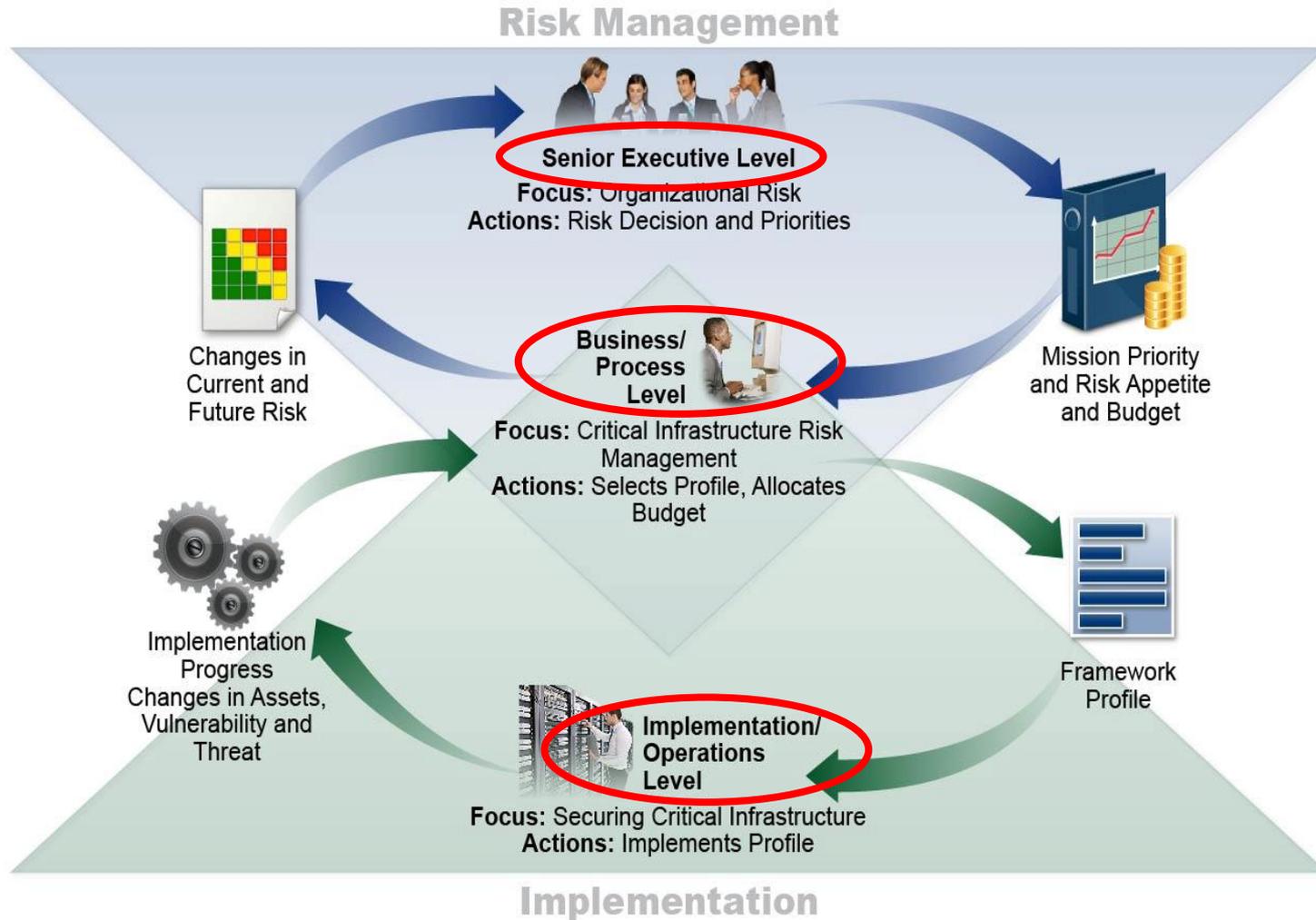
<p>PROTECT (PR)</p>	<p>Access Control (PR.AC): Access to assets and associated facilities is limited to authorized users, processes, or devices, and to authorized activities and transactions.</p>	<p>PR.AC-1: Identities and credentials are managed for authorized devices and users</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCS CSC 16 • COBIT 5 DSS05.04, DSS06.03 • ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.3.5.1 • ISA 62443-3-3:2013 SR 1.1, SR 1.2, SR 1.3, SR 1.4, SR 1.5, SR 1.7, SR 1.8, SR 1.9 • ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.9.2.1, A.9.2.2, A.9.2.4, A.9.3.1, A.9.4.2, A.9.4.3 • NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 AC-2, IA Family
		<p>PR.AC-2: Physical access to assets is managed and protected</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COBIT 5 DSS01.04, DSS05.05 • ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.3.3.2, 4.3.3.3.8 • ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.11.1.1, A.11.1.2, A.11.1.4, A.11.1.6, A.11.2.3 • NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 PE-2, PE-3, PE-4, PE-5, PE-6, PE-9
		<p>PR.AC-3: Remote access is managed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COBIT 5 APO13.01, DSS01.04, DSS05.03 • ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.3.6.6 • ISA 62443-3-3:2013 SR 1.13, SR 2.6 • ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.6.2.2, A.13.1.1, A.13.2.1

Framework Profile

- Alignment of **Functions, Categories, and Subcategories** with business requirements, risk tolerance, and resources of the organization
- Enables organizations to **establish a roadmap for reducing cybersecurity risk** that is well aligned with organizational and sector goals, considers legal/regulatory requirements and industry best practices, and reflects risk management priorities
- Can be used to describe **current state** or **desired target state** of cybersecurity activities



Framework from Executives to Operations



Framework Implementation Tiers

- Feedback indicated the need for the Framework to allow for flexibility in implementation and bring in concepts of maturity models.
- Responding to feedback, Framework Implementation Tiers were proposed to reflect how an organization implements the Framework Core functions and manages its risk.
- The Tiers are progressive, ranging from Partial (Tier 1) to Adaptive (Tier 4), with each Tier building on the previous Tier.
- The Tier characteristics are defined at the organizational level and are applied to the Framework Core to determine how a category is implemented.



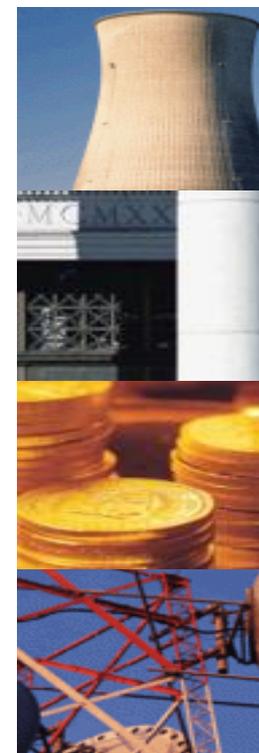
Uses of the Cybersecurity Framework

The Framework is designed to complement existing business and cybersecurity operations, and can be used to:

- Understand security status
- Establish / Improve a cybersecurity program
- Communicate cybersecurity requirements with stakeholders, including partners and suppliers
- Identify opportunities for new or revised standards
- Identify tools and technologies to help organizations use the Framework
- Integrate privacy and civil liberties considerations into a cybersecurity program

Why You Should Consider Adopting the Framework

Benefits	Features
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces time and expense of starting an information security program• Reduces risk within current information security programs by identifying areas for improvement• Increases efficiencies and reduce the possibility of miscommunication within your information security program and with other organizations such as partners, suppliers, regulators, and auditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organizes reconciliation and de-confliction of legislation, regulation, policy, and industry best practice (Core)• Guides organization and management of and information security program (Core)• Measures current state and expresses desired state (Profile)• Enables investment decisions to address gaps in current state (Profile)• Communicates cybersecurity requirements with stakeholders, including partners and suppliers (Profile)• Enables informed trade-off analysis of expenditure versus risk (Tiers)



Key Points about the Cybersecurity Framework

- **It's a framework, not a prescription**
 - It provides a common language and systematic methodology for managing cyber risk
 - It does not tell a company *how* much cyber risk is tolerable, nor does it claim to provide “the one and only” formula for cybersecurity
 - Having a common lexicon to enable action across a very diverse set of stakeholders will enable the best practices of elite companies to become standard practices for everyone
- **The framework is a living document**
 - It is intended to be updated over time as stakeholders learn from implementation, and as technology and risks change
 - That's one reason why the framework focuses on questions an organization needs to ask itself to manage its risk. While practices, technology, and standards will change over time—principals will not

Framework Roadmap Items

- The Executive Order calls for the framework to “identify areas for improvement that should be addressed through future collaboration with particular sectors and standards-developing organizations”
- High-priority areas for development, alignment, and collaboration were identified based on stakeholder input:
 - Authentication
 - Automated Indicator Sharing
 - Conformity Assessment
 - Cybersecurity Workforce
 - Data Analytics
 - Federal Agency Cybersecurity Alignment
 - International Aspects, Impacts, and Alignment
 - Supply Chain Risk Management
 - Technical Privacy Standards

Since the 12 February 2014 Release of Framework 1.0

Request for Information: Experience with the Cybersecurity Framework

Questions focused on: awareness, experiences, and roadmap areas

August 26, 2014

6th Cybersecurity Framework Workshop

Goal: Raise awareness, encourage use as a tool, highlight examples of sector-specific efforts, implementation efforts, gather feedback

Oct. 29-30, 2014
Florida Center for
Cybersecurity

Update on the Cybersecurity Framework

Summary posted that includes analysis of RFI responses, feedback from the 6th workshop, an update on Roadmap areas, and next steps

December 5, 2014

February 13, 2015

White House Releases [Fact Sheet on Cybersecurity and Consumer Protection](#)

1 Year Anniversary of the Release

NIST Cybersecurity Framework site update to include: [FAQs](#), Upcoming Events, and Industry Resources. Ongoing, targeted outreach continues

February 12, 2015

Examples of Framework Industry Resources



[The Cybersecurity Framework in Action: An Intel Use Case](#)

[Cybersecurity Guidance for Small Firms](#)



[Energy Sector Cybersecurity Framework Implementation Guidance](#)

[Process Control System Security Guidance for the Water Sector](#)

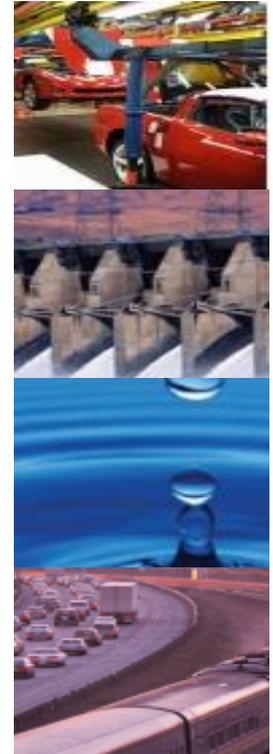


Other online communities of interest

Near Term Framework Activities

In summary, “Collect, Reflect, and Connect” – understand where industry is having success, help others understand those successes, and facilitate relationships that support understanding and use

- Continue education efforts, including creation of self-help and re-use materials for those who are new to the Framework
- Continue awareness and outreach with an eye toward industry communities who are still working toward basal Framework knowledge and implementation
- Educate on the relationship between Framework and the larger risk management process, including how organizations can use Tiers
- To allow for adoption, Framework version 2.0 is not planned for the near term



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Your presenter today was Matt Barrett, Cybersecurity Framework Program Manager (matthew.barrett@nist.gov)

