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## Industry Group Expands Energy Security Initiatives

Orlando, FL February 3, 2009 -- The Energy Sector Security Consortium (EnergySec) announced today at the SANS 2009 SCADA Security Summit a national expansion of its energy security programs. These programs provide timely and relevant sharing of critical security information between energy sector asset owners, product vendors, and government agencies.

“The cyber infrastructures within the energy industry are necessarily interconnected”, said Seth Bromberger, an EnergySec director. “This drives the need for close cooperation among companies in securing these technologies.”

EnergySec provides internet-based communication channels that support collaboration between energy industry professionals. These technologies will now be available nationally. EnergySec also organizes a variety of summits and meetings focused on cyber and physical security, and regulatory compliance. These events will also be expanded nationally.

“We have demonstrated success in establishing a trusted environment for industry collaboration in the western United States”, said Chris Jager, EnergySec Chairman. “By expanding our proven model nationally, we can help strengthen efforts to secure this nation’s critical infrastructure.”

“Our programs have broad support across the industry and within government because they address an identified need”, Jager said.

A recent report issued by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Commission on Cybersecurity for the 44th Presidency listed the energy sector's cyber infrastructure as one of the four most critical to the security of the United States. The report also identified improved information sharing as a key factor for success in protecting this infrastructure.

### About the Energy Sector Security Consortium

EnergySec is an outgrowth of Energy Security Northwest (E-Sec NW), an informal association of energy sector security professionals formed in the Pacific Northwest in 2004. In 2007, E-Sec NW received a National Cybersecurity Leadership Award from the SANS Institute. Current participation includes approximately 150 industry professionals representing more than 60 energy companies throughout North America.

Attendance at EnergySec’s annual summit averages 150 participants, including representatives from FERC, NERC, regional reliability organizations, state regulatory commissions, and numerous energy companies.

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