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ABOUT APTA

APTA is a nonprofit international association of over 1,500 public and private member organizations including transit systems and commuter rail operators; planning, design, construction and finance firms; product and service providers; academic institutions, transit associations and state departments of transportation. APTA members serve the public interest by providing safe, efficient and economical transit services and products. Over ninety percent of persons using public transportation in the United States and Canada are served by APTA members.

APTA VISION STATEMENT

Be the leading force in advancing public transportation

APTA MISSION STATEMENT

APTA serves and leads its diverse membership through advocacy, innovation, and information sharing to strengthen and expand public transportation.

WHAT IS AN ISAC?

In May 1998, the Federal Government issued its Policy on Critical Infrastructure Protection, otherwise known as Presidential Decision Directive (PDD) #63. This directive was issued to authorize and encourage national critical infrastructures to develop and maintain "Information Sharing and Analysis Centers" (ISACs) as a means of strengthening security and protection against cyber and operations attacks.

WHAT IS THE PT-ISAC?

Through the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Executive Committee's Security Task Force, the transit industry identified the nation-wide need for sharing security intelligence information within this important segment of the nation's critical infrastructure.

In January 2003, APTA was designated as the Sector Coordinator by the U.S. Department of Transportation in the creation of a Public Transit ISAC to further promote security for the public transportation industry.

As the designated sector coordinator, APTA serves as the primary contact to organize and bring the public transportation community together to work cooperatively on physical and cyber security issues.

The PT-ISAC collects, analyzes and distributes critical cyber and physical security and threat information from government and numerous other sources on a 24/7 basis. These sources include law enforcement, government operations centers, the intelligence community, the U.S. military, academia, IT vendors, the international Computer Emergency Response Community (CERT) and others.

The PT-ISAC is an "ISAC within an ISAC" and has taken advantage of the already existing overarching Surface Transportation ISAC, sponsored by the Association of American Railroads (AAR). The PT-ISAC has government-experienced analysts with Top Secret and higher clearances working in government-cleared facilities with secure communications. These analysts focus on Transit specific information requirements.

The advantages of being under the umbrella of the Surface Transportation ISAC is that the viability of reporting and support is greatly increased and economies of scale are realized.

Best security practices and plans to eliminate threats, attacks, vulnerabilities and countermeasures are drawn upon to protect the sector's cyber and physical infrastructures.

The PT-ISAC is full service, responding to incidents and warnings on a 24-hour basis, seven days a week.

WHY JOIN THE PT-ISAC?

- There is no cost to your organization for the initial two years of this service. Through a two-year grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), APTA has retained a private sector contractor, EWA Information and Infrastructure Technologies, Inc. (EWA IIT) counter-terrorism and intelligence community experts to establish and operate the ISAC. EWA IIT currently operates both the Surface Transportation and Water ISACs.

- The PT-ISAC provides a secure two-way 24/7 reporting and analysis structure that will enable the transmission of critical alerts and advisories as well as the collection, analysis and dissemination of security information from transit agencies.

- The PT-ISAC provides a critical linkage between the transit industry, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Transportation Security Administration, and the Department of Homeland Security. It also works closely with other established ISACs for other critical sectors, such as banking and finance, telecommunications, energy and information technology.

HOW CAN I JOIN THE PT-ISAC?

To join the PT-ISAC contact: **call ST-ISAC 1-866-ST ISAC1 (784-7221)** or contact:

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