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Cybersecurity Services

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Agenda: 10 Minutes or Less!

1. Why cybersecurity matters to public power
2. MRES services at a glance
3. Department of Energy grant

Why cybersecurity matters

Cyber risk is operational risk

- ✓ Utilities rely on connected systems to deliver dependable service. Cyberattacks that cause outages, downtime, or business interruption undercut reliability and customer trust

MRES and members share a stake

- ✓ MRES and its member utilities have a vested interest in one another's cybersecurity risk posture and resilience. Sharing technical knowledge and resources benefits all.

The Goal: practical improvement

- ✓ Reliability, trust, and continuity are the business outcomes.

Services at a Glance

Cybersecurity Assessments

- What are our biggest cybersecurity risks?
- How prepared is our organization for ransomware and cyber incidents?
- Are we meeting industry best practices and compliance expectations?
- Where should we be investing our technology budget?
- What specific actions should we take next?



Services at a Glance

Technical Training Seminars

- Focused training for municipalities, utilities, and their IT partners
- Current topics relative to our members
- Varying degrees of technical depth and topics
- Both in-person and virtual offerings



Services at a Glance

Computer-Based Training for Employees

- Creates a “security culture” within the organization
- Supports insurance and regulatory compliance
- Reduces human error
- Continuous updates provide education on new threats



Department of Energy Grant

Timeline

- Originally submitted in 2024
- Grant award process paused after presidential election
- Modified application submitted in Q2 2026
- Final award notification on Aug. 12, 2026
- Assessments and training seminars available now
- Computer-based employee training available first half of 2027

Benefits

- $1.7 million over four years (2026 – 2030)
- Fully fund existing MRES cyber services
- Add computer-based training solution for employees
- Provide all MRES members one assessment at no cost during the grant period

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Questions?

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