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National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Multistakeholder Process on Promoting Software Component Transparency

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of

Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will

convene a meeting of a multistakeholder process on promoting software component transparency

on November 18, 2019.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 18, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,

Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the American Institute of Architects, 1735 New

York Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20006.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

This National Telecommunications and Information Administration cybersecurity

multistakeholder process focuses on promoting software component transparency. Most modern

software is not written completely from scratch, but includes existing components, modules, and libraries from the open source and commercial software world. Modern development practices such as code reuse, and a dynamic IT marketplace with acquisitions and mergers, make it challenging to track the use of software components. The Internet of Things compounds this phenomenon, as new organizations, enterprises, and innovators take on the role of software developer to add "smart" features or connectivity to their products. While the majority of libraries and components do not have known vulnerabilities, many do, and the sheer quantity of software means that some software products ship with vulnerable or out-of-date components.

The first meeting of this multistakeholder process was held on July 19, 2018, in Washington, DC.[1] Stakeholders presented multiple perspectives, and identified several inter-related work streams: Understanding the Problem, Use Cases and State of Practice, Standards and Formats, and Healthcare Proof of Concept. Since then, stakeholders have been discussing key issues and developing products such as guidance documents. NTIA acts as the convener, but stakeholders drive the outcomes. Success of the process will be evaluated by the extent to which broader findings on software component transparency are implemented across the ecosystem.

The main objectives of the November 18, 2019, meeting are to finalize and identify next steps in this effort, including how progress can be made on extending and refining the basic model, cataloging tooling needs and resources, and promoting awareness and adoption of stakeholder work. More information about stakeholders' work is available at: *https://www.ntia.gov/SoftwareTransparency.*

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[1] Notes, presentations, and a video recording of the July 19, 2018, kickoff meeting are available at: https://www.ntia.gov/SoftwareTransparency.

Time and Date: NTIA will convene the next meeting of the multistakeholder process on

Software Component Transparency on November 18, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Time. Please refer to NTIA's website, https://www.ntia.gov/SoftwareTransparency, for the most

current information.

Place: The meeting will be held at the American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Ave.

N.W., Washington, DC 20006. The location of the meeting is subject to change. Please refer to

NTIA's website, https://www.ntia.gov/SoftwareTransparency, for the most current information.

Other Information: The meeting is open to the public and the press on a first-come, first-served

basis. Space is limited.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign

language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Allan Friedman at (202) 482-

4281 or afriedman@ntia.gov at least seven (7) business days prior to each meeting. The

meetings will also be webcast. Requests for real-time captioning of the webcast or other

auxiliary aids should be directed to Allan Friedman at (202) 482-4281 or afriedman@ntia.gov at

least seven (7) business days prior to each meeting. There will be an opportunity for

stakeholders viewing the webcast to participate remotely in the meetings through a moderated

conference bridge, including polling functionality. Access details for the meetings are subject to

change. Please refer to NTIA's website, https://www.ntia.gov/SoftwareTransparency, for the

most current information.

Dated: October 16, 2019.

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