



US Government Promotion of Private Sector Vulnerability Disclosure

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Who is the NTIA?

- Designated by statute as the primary advisor to the President on telecommunications and Internet policy issues
- NTIA is not an enforcement agency. We cannot investigate or sue anyone. We are not regulators. We cannot write rules and compel anyone to follow.
- BUT: we do have the ability to bring together a broad range of stakeholders



Motivation

- Promote free, open, and trustworthy digital ecosystem.
- Not a new issue, but definite need for clarity and trust *without a heavy government hand*.
- Researchers are everywhere, and everyone is now a software company.
- Goal: promote collaboration.



Principle: Don't reinvent the wheel



Principle: No one-size-fits-all



NTIA Multistakeholder Process

- Private-sector oriented
- Open
- Voluntary
- Consensus-based
- “Government pushes, but doesn’t steer”



Process Outcomes

- Motivation Survey
- Template Policy
- Multiparty Disclosure



Elsewhere in the US Government

- Government, heal thyself:
“Hack the Pentagon” and
other initial successes
- Regulators addressing the
role of CVD: The FDA’s
leadership example



Where is this heading

- CVD in the NIST Cybersecurity Framework:
- Part of a healthy, balanced [risk] breakfast



Thank You!

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