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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Multistakeholder Process on Promoting Software Component Transparency

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will convene a virtual meeting of a multistakeholder process on promoting software component transparency on January 13, 2021.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 13, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually, with online slide share and dial-in information to be posted at https://www.ntia.gov/SoftwareTransparency.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

This NTIA cybersecurity multistakeholder process focuses on promoting software component transparency.[1] 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vulnerabilities, many do, and the sheer quantity of software means that some software products ship with vulnerable or out-of-date components.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.[2] 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 first set of stakeholder-drafted documents on Software Bills of Materials was published by NTIA in November 2019. Those documents, and subsequent consensus-approved drafts from the community, are available at: *https://www.ntia.gov/SBOM*. The main objectives of the January 13, 2021 meeting are to share progress from the working groups; to give feedback

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[1] NTIA serves as the President's principal adviser on telecommunications and information policies. *See* 47 U.S.C. 902(b)(2)(D).
[2] Notes, presentations, and a video recording of the July 19, 2018 kickoff meeting are available at: https://www.ntia.gov/SoftwareTransparency.

on the ongoing work around technical challenges, tooling, demonstrations, and awareness and adoption; and to continue discussions around potential guidance or playbook documents. This meeting will also feature short demonstrations of SBOM-related tools and services to help the community understand the growth of the broader ecosystem. Demonstration suggestions and proposals should be 250 words or less and should be submitted to Allan Friedman at afriedman@ntia.gov by December 21, 2020. More information about stakeholders' work is 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 January 13, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The exact time of the meeting is subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, https://www.ntia.gov/SoftwareTransparency, for the most current information.

Place: The meeting will be held virtually, with online slide share and dial-in information to be posted at https://www.ntia.gov/SoftwareTransparency. 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.

The virtual meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for real-time captioning 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 the meeting. Access details for the meeting are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, https://www.ntia.gov/SoftwareTransparency, for the most current information.

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