I recently received the following announcement from Ron Ross, Director of NIAP, and feel that many readers will be interested in this conference. With the ending of the National Information Systems Security Conferences that were sponsored by NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) and the NCSC (National Computer Security Center), this is one of the opportunities for government and business INFOSEC experts to share knowledge and forge alliances.

NIAP, the National Information Assurance Partnership, was founded in response to the findings and recommendations of the President’s Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection (PCCIP) (<http://www.ciao.gov/PCCIP/PCCIP_index.htm>), whose report came out in October 1997 (<http://www.ciao.gov/PCCIP/report_index.html>). NIAP’s objectives are to

* Promote the development and use of evaluated IT products and systems;
* Champion the development and use of national and international standards for IT security;
* Foster development of IT security requirements, test methods, tools, techniques, and assurance metrics;
* Support a framework for international recognition and acceptance of IT security evaluation results; and
* Facilitate the development and growth of a commercial IT security testing industry within the U.S.

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Secure E-Business Executive Summit
May 7-9, 2001
Crystal City Hilton, Arlington VA

The Federal CIO Council and the Department of Defense CIO are co-hosting the Spring Secure E-Business Executive Summit addressing the latest strategies, architectures and technologies for e-government. The conference is May 7-9 at the Crystal City Hilton, in Arlington, Virginia.

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Communications Industry Association, the Center for Internet Security and the Council for Excellence in Government.

Your attendance and support of the Secure E-Business Executive Summit is requested. Please join us so we may all better learn how to transform our business processes into secure E-business solutions. For more information about the conference please visit the Secure E-Biz web site located at <http://www.SecurE-Biz.net>.

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