

## U.S. Department of Energy Issues Additional Request for Information on Supply Chain Security and Starts New, 100-Day Cybersecurity Initiative

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On April 20, 2021, DOE issued a <u>Request for Information</u> (RFI) intended "to develop a strengthened approach to address the supply chain security of the U.S. electricity subsector," and kicked off a new, 100-day plan to address cybersecurity risks to the U.S. electric system. Concurrently, DOE "launched an initiative to enhance the cybersecurity of electric utilities" industrial control systems (ICS) and secure the energy sector supply chain" to help "safeguard U.S. critical infrastructure from persistent and sophisticated threats."28 According to a DOE press release, "[t]his 100 day plan—a coordinated effort between DOE, the electricity industry, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)—represents swift, aggressive action[] to confront cyber threats from adversaries who seek to compromise critical systems that are essential to U.S. national and economic security."

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