

Roundtable and announced in February 2003, represents both a coordinated and an elevated response to these issues. The ISAC is a public-private partnership between the U.S. real estate industry and federal homeland security officials. The partnership facilitates information sharing on terrorist threats, warnings, incidents, vulnerabilities and response planning—to counter terrorism and protect buildings and the people who occupy and use them.

The REN-ISAC mission is to aid and promote cyber security operational protection and response within the **higher education and research (R&E) communities**. The mission is conducted within the context of a private community of trusted representatives at member institutions, and in service to the R&E community at-large. REN-ISAC serves as the R&E trusted partner for served networks, the formal U.S. ISAC community, and in other commercial, governmental, and private security information sharing relationships.

The Supply Chain ISAC offers the most comprehensive forum for collaboration on critical security threats, incidents and vulnerabilities to the **global supply chain**. Its mission is to facilitate communication among supply chain dependent industry stakeholders, foster a partnership between the private and public sectors to share critical information, collect, analyze and disseminate actionable intelligence to help secure the global supply chain, provide an international perspective through private sector subject matter experts and help protect the critical infrastructure of the United States.

The ST-ISAC [**surface transportation**] was formed at the request of the Department of Transportation. The ISAC provides a secure cyber and physical security capability for owners, operators and users of critical infrastructure. Security and threat information is collected from worldwide resources, then analyzed and distributed to members to help protect their vital systems from attack. The ISAC also provides a vehicle for the anonymous or attributable sharing of incident, threat and vulnerability data among the members. Members have access to information and analytical reporting provided by other sources, such as the U.S. and foreign governments; law enforcement agencies, technology providers and international computer emergency response teams (CERTs).

The Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC) was authorized by Congress in 2002 and created and managed by the **water sector**. Its mission is to keep drinking water and wastewater utility managers informed about potential risks to the nation's water infrastructure from contamination, terrorism and cyber threats. The mission has been expanded to help utilities respond to and recover from all hazards. Funded by subscriber fees and matching federal funds, WaterISAC links members through a secure online portal. The subscriber base includes water utilities and state and federal agencies dealing with security, law enforcement, intelligence, the environment and public health.