

Excerpt: About FS-ISAC²⁹

Launched in 1999, FS-ISAC was established by the financial services sector in response to 1998's Presidential Directive 63. That directive—later updated by 2003's Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7—mandated that the public and private sectors share information about physical and cyber security threats and vulnerabilities to help protect the U.S. critical infrastructure. . . . Constantly gathering reliable and timely information from financial services providers, commercial security firms, federal/national, state and local government agencies, law enforcement and other trusted resources, the FS-ISAC is now uniquely positioned to quickly disseminate physical and cyber threat alerts and other critical information to your organization. This information includes analysis and recommended solutions from leading industry experts.

. . . [The] Critical Infrastructure Notification System (CINS) allows the FS-ISAC to speed security alerts to multiple recipients around the globe near-simultaneously while providing for user authentication and delivery confirmation.

The FS-ISAC also provides an anonymous information sharing capability across the entire financial services industry. Upon receiving a submission, industry experts verify and analyze the threat and identify any recommended solutions before alerting FS-ISAC members. This assures that member firms receive the latest tried-and-true procedures and best practices for guarding against known and emerging security threats.