



# Cyber Security Panel Discussions

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**What should be the government's role(s) in securing/protecting the critical infrastructures and private sector networks from attack/damage, etc (from nation states, natural disasters, and catastrophic vulnerabilities)?**



# **What gaps exist in federal authorities (laws/regulations/policies)?**



**Do you have or do you recommend thresholds for reporting cyber incidents for the government, private sector, quasi private sector?**



**What organizational structures are necessary to support national security/emergency preparedness communications needs in a converged environment?**



**If you accept that our way of life is based upon a digital infrastructure that is privately owned and globally operated, how do we get to a public / private partnership and action plan that will build protection and security in-- and enable information sharing to better understand when it is under a local or global attack (warning)?**



**Based on what you know, what are the key intersections between the Economic Stimulus Package and cybersecurity activities within the sectors**



**How would the security and stability of the Internet be affected if the single, authoritative root were to be replaced by a multiple root structure?**





**Based on your experience and expertise and your previous recommendations in this area, please provide us with a prioritized list of ten areas that require immediate attention?**