

## Cyber Security Council Meeting with CIO/CISOs

Following on the successful reception of the public - private partnership detailed in its November 2009 white paper, INSA's Cyber Security Council organized a meeting with the CIO/CISO's of fifteen defense sector companies on March 19. The gathering, which included Melissa Hathaway, former Acting Senior Director for Cyberspace for the National Security and Homeland Security Councils, demonstrated the value of an organized effort of INSA's member companies to resolve their shared concerns related to the complexity of cyber security and the implementation of a public - private partnership. Many meeting participants had high praise for the proposal outlined in INSA's white paper and appreciated the unique opportunity to openly discuss the necessary next steps with their industry peers.

Among the issues raised by this collection of experts was the need for cross-sector information sharing, developing of industry standards and best practices, and the need to effectively educate executive and legislative branches on the private sector's priorities, capabilities and concerns. After the meeting Lou Von Thaer, President of General Dynamics – AIS and Chair of INSA's Cyber Security Council, said "Cyber security is a very broad and complicated issue, and it is important that INSA hears from as many players as possible. This meeting was an invaluable first step in bringing industry together. The more expertise INSA can bring to the table and unite around a common message, the better we can effect a meaningful outcome."

[Click here](#) to read INSA's Cyber Security White Paper, *Addressing Cyber Security Through Public-Private Partnership*.