IDAHO CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE

ABOUT THE TASK FORCE

Cybersecurity attacks pose an increased and significant risk to all citizens, businesses, critical infrastructure operators and state and local governments. The State of Idaho is home to unique and world-leading capabilities in countering cyber-attacks and engineering solutions to the cybersecurity challenges facing our state and nation.

To meet the increasing threat and leverage Idaho's resources and expertise, Governor Brad Little created the Idaho Cybersecurity Task Force.

Governor Brad Little

MISSION

Governor Brad Little convened the Idaho Cybersecurity Task Force to focus on identifying cybersecurity assets, resources, public-private partnerships; promoting improved business, government and personal cybersecurity; ensuring secure, transparent and resilient election infrastructure; and enhancing the educational pipeline for cybersecurity workforce needs.

Co-chaired by Idaho Department of Commerce Director Tom Kealey and Idaho National Laboratory Associate Laboratory Director Zach Tudor, members of the task force represent a diverse range of expertise and experience in cybersecurity initiatives.

A sustainable and successful effort against cybersecurity threats will require increased resources, partnerships and meaningful information-sharing between public and private sector organizations.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Economic Opportunities and Risk

Critical Infrastructure

Election Security

Education, Training and Workforce Development

CO-CHAIRS

Zach Tudor, Associate Laboratory Director, Idaho National Laboratory and National and Homeland Security

Zach Tudor is the Associate Laboratory Director of Idaho National Laboratory's National and Homeland Security (N&HS) directorate.

INL's N&HS is a major center for national security technology development and demonstration, employing 550 scientists and engineers across $300 million in programs. N&HS is responsible for INL's Nuclear Nonproliferation, Critical Infrastructure Protection, Defense Systems and Homeland Security missions.

These missions include safeguarding and securing vulnerable nuclear material, enhancing the overall security and resilience of the nation's infrastructure, and providing protective system solutions and heavy manufacturing of armor for national defense. N&HS supports major programs for the Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Intelligence Community.

A retired U.S. Navy Submarine Limited Duty Electronics Officer and Chief Data Systems Technician, Tudor holds a master's degree in Information Systems concentrating in Cybersecurity from George Mason University, where he also was an adjunct professor teaching graduate courses in Information Security. His professional credentials include the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Certified Information Security Manager and Certified Computer Professional.

Tom Kealey, Director, Idaho Department of Commerce

Tom Kealey is the Director of Idaho Commerce. Director Kealey is responsible for leading the state's economic development efforts, fostering a business-friendly environment to aid in job creation, supporting existing companies, strengthening communities and marketing Idaho domestically and abroad.

Director Kealey received his master's degree from Harvard Business School and a bachelor's degree. from the University of Washington. He has held numerous senior business roles in Fortune 500 companies and is a long-time Idaho business owner and investor. Director Kealey was appointed by Governor Brad Little in January 2019.

Director Kealey lives in Boise, Idaho, with Joy, his wife of more than 40 years. Their three grown sons were raised in Idaho where the family enjoys skiing, fishing, camping, boating, hiking, hunting and all that outdoor Idaho has to offer.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Brad Wiskirchen, CEO, Kount

Bradley J. Wiskirchen is the founding CEO at Kount—which is the premier fraud prevention solution for card-not-present transactions. Kount protects many of the world's largest card-not-present merchants and some of the largest acquiring banks and payment platforms.

Prior to December 2015, Wiskirchen was also CEO of Keynetics and Executive Chairman of Keynetics' other subsidiary, ClickBank. Wiskirchen joined Keynetics in 2005. Under his guidance, Keynetics became one of the Pacific Northwest's largest privately held technology companies, and ClickBank grew to be one of the world's largest online retailers of digital goods.

Wiskirchen also currently serves on the high-level advisory group of the International Monetary Fund's Interdepartmental Working Group on Finance and Technology. He was awarded a J.D. from the University of Notre Dame and a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University.

Frank Harrill, VP of Security, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories

Frank Harrill is the Vice President of Security for Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL), which invents, designs and builds digital products and systems that protect power grids around the world.

Harrill retired from the FBI in 2016, where he devoted over 20 years to the investigation of sophisticated cyberattacks, terrorist incidents, and other federal crimes. Prior to joining the FBI, he served in the U.S. Navy for nearly ten years as a carrier pilot and jet flight instructor.

In 2011, Harrill earned a master's degree in Information Technology with an emphasis in security and assurance from Carnegie Mellon University. He obtained a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) certification in 2004.

General Brad Richy, Director, Office of Emergency Management

General Brad Richy is the Director of the Idaho Office of Emergency Management. Richy is responsible for Idaho's emergency preparedness and response planning in support of the Idaho Homeland Security and Emergency Management Strategies.

He serves as the Homeland Security Advisor and Principal Emergency Management Advisor to the Governor and the Adjutant General.

As the Governor's authorized representative, Richy acts as the single point of contact for all federal, regional and state emergency management activities. Richy also serves as the State Administrative Agent, overseeing implementation and compliance of all eligible Department of Homeland Security sponsored grants.

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Jeff Weak, Administrator, Idaho Office of Information Technology Services

Jeff Weak was appointed by Governor Brad Little as Administrator of the Idaho Office of Information Technology Services in December 2018. Jeff leads 135 IT professionals providing services for over 7,000 customers across 54 state agencies, boards and commissions.

Weak is also responsible for state IT governance and policy as the Chair for the Idaho Technical Authority and serves on several boards and committees. Weak is the principal advisor to the Governor for cybersecurity and IT solutions. Over the past three years, he has spearheaded Governor Little's IT modernization initiative, centralizing IT services throughout the state and dramatically improving cybersecurity.

Weak holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho, a master's degree in Management from Troy State University in Alabama and has completed numerous advanced Air Force leadership and technical training courses.

Lisa Grow, President & CEO, IDACORP & Idaho Power

Lisa Grow has been President and Chief Executive Officer of IDACORP, Inc. and Idaho Power since June 1, 2020; President of Idaho Power since October 2019; Former Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Idaho Power since March 2017.

Grow has also served as Senior Vice President of Operations and, prior to that, Senior Vice President of Power Supply. Grow was appointed to the IDACORP and Idaho Power Company Boards of Directors in February 2020.

Grow graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and received a master's degree from Boise State University.

Grow is a leader in her field and involved in a number of industry groups, currently or previously serving on various committees and boards. Recently she was appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's Salt Lake City Branch Board of Directors for a three-year term.

George Mulhern, CEO, Cradlepoint

George Mulhern is the CEO of Cradlepoint, Inc. He joined Cradlepoint in 2011 and led the organization to become the global leader in cloud-delivered LTE & 5G wireless wide-area networking.

He has held leadership roles in the technology industry for 30 plus years.

Prior experiences include driving economic growth as a general partner at entrepreneurial catalyst, Highway 12 Ventures; running hardware, software and services businesses through a 20-year career at Hewlett Packard. Mulhern serves on the executive board of directors for the Idaho Technology Council and as an Independent Director of Cambia Health Solutions and Regence Blue Shield of Idaho. He also serves on the Board of AppDetex, a Boise-based brand security company. Mulhern earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from San Jose State University.

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Jeff Newgard, President & CEO, Bank of Idaho

Jeff Newgard is the President & CEO of Bank of Idaho. Newgard, who has held a number of leadership positions in regional and community banking, is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking and holds a master's degree in Business Administration from Washington State University and a bachelor's degree from Walla Walla College.

He volunteers on several boards with local, regional and national organizations that align with this passion. He currently serves as an Area 5 Committee Member for the Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR), an all-volunteer arm of the Department of Defense. He also serves as a director and treasurer with the War Bonnet Roundup and is the Vice-Chair with the Independent Community Bankers of America Select Committee on Cyber Security.

Newgard holds a certification in the COMP TIA Security Plus program on cybersecurity.

Ryan White, Chief of Staff, Idaho Senator Jim Risch

Ryan White has served as Chief of Staff for Senator Jim Risch (R-ID) since 2020, elevating to that position from Deputy Chief of Staff, which he held for the preceding year.

White worked for the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, where he managed the Committee's Department of Energy, Homeland Security, China, and Africa portfolios. Prior to that, he worked on counterterrorism issues at the Central Intelligence Agency related to Iran and groups in the Levant region for five years.

White has held a variety of other positions in state and federal government.

White graduated with a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Idaho. He earned a master's degree in Public Policy and International Affairs from George Mason University.

Anand Bahl, Chief Information Officer, Micron,

Anand Bahl is the Chief Information Officer at Micron Technology, Inc. where he oversees the global technology teams supporting manufacturing and engineering solutions, enterprise applications and analytics, global security, infrastructure and operations, and other business-facing IT services and capabilities.

He has more than 20 years of international and domestic experience in both IT and finance in the chemical, textile and technology industries. Immediately prior to joining Micron in July 2018, Bahl led Vivint Smarthome's Finance and Supply Chain IT organization. He has also held various IT and Finance leadership positions at Symantec, Advanced Micro Devices, Koch Industries, and Dow Chemical (Rohm & Haas).

Bahl received a master's degree in Finance and Operations and a master's degree of Inorganic Chemistry from Vanderbilt University.

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Domini Clark, CEO, Blackmere Consulting

Domini Clark is a thought leader in the technical and cybersecurity talent space and has led technical executive search firm, Blackmere Consulting, since 2011. In addition to developing the company's growing team of executive search consultants, she leads executive recruitment across a variety of industries, with a functional focus on cybersecurity and data science. She advises industry and HR executives, clients, and recruitment teams on unique aspects of cybersecurity recruiting challenges.

Under Clark's leadership, the Blackmere team specializes in difficult-to-fill, critical hires, including executive placement, cybersecurity research, information technology, data science, wireless research and energy-related technical leadership.

She sits on the board of directors for ISSA (Information Systems Security Association) Utah and received the Luminary award from the International ISSA Women In Security Group. Clark is a graduate of the University of Utah, with a master's degree in Clinical Social Work.

Edward Vasko, Director, Pervasive Cybersecurity BSU

Edward Vasko is the Director of Boise State University's (BSU) Institute of Pervasive Cybersecurity where he helps Boise State establish itself as a top-tier university known for solving the complex cybersecurity problems facing all businesses, industries and critical infrastructure.

Vasko is an entrepreneur with over 30-years of experience in the cybersecurity industry. Prior to joining Boise State University, Vasko established and was a Senior Vice President at Avertium, a leading national managed security and consulting provider. Before establishing Avertium, he was the co-founder and CEO of Terra Verde.

Vasko is an active member on university advisory councils, working with universities to develop curriculum that more quickly enable our highly needed cybersecurity workforce. Vasko is a graduate of Arizona State University and a multi-year recipient of ASU's Sun Devil 100 business leadership award.

Dr. Scott Snyder, Dean, College of Science and Engineering ISU

Dr. Scott Snyder currently serves as the Dean of the College of Science and Engineering at Idaho State University (ISU).

Prior to moving to ISU, Dr. Snyder served as Chief Research Officer at the University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO) for nearly eight years. For five years in Omaha, he was also the Interim Executive Director of the Peter Kiewit Institute, a teaching and research institute comprised of UNO's College of Information Science and Technology and the University of Nebraska Lincoln's College of Engineering in Omaha.

He earned his Ph.D. in Parasitology at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, where he also earned his bachelor's in Biology. His master's also in Parasitology, comes from Wake Forest University. He spent time on the Board of Directors for the National Strategic Research Institute.

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Toni Broyles, Special Assistant to the President, UI

Toni Broyles is Special Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives within the Office of the President at the University of Idaho (UI). Within this role, she is leading key stakeholder engagement to grow revenues and resources by coordinating presidential level strategy across the institution, state affairs and community relations.

Broyles's career started in energy management focused on utility service and contracts, energy conservation, and monitoring infrastructure and assets.

She is currently serving as the Vice President for the Palouse Knowledge Corridor Board of Directors, an organization focused on entrepreneurship, economic development and national branding including cybersecurity, value-added agriculture, energy and sustainability. She has undergraduate degrees in Marketing and Information Systems and a masters degree.

Ben Ysursa, Former Idaho Secretary of State

Ben Ysursa was born in Boise, Idaho in 1949. A graduate of Gonzaga University and St. Louis University College of Law, Ben was elected Idaho's 26th Secretary of State in 2002. Ysursa was re-elected in 2006 and 2010 and retired from elected office 2015.

Ysursa worked for more than 40 years in the office of the Secretary of State and acquired a reputation for fair, non-partisan administration of elections, campaign finance and lobbying disclosure and corporation registration. Ysursa also served on the State Land Board, Executive Board Member of the National Association of Secretary of States, board member for various state and city committees and as a volunteer for youth athletic organizations. Ysursa currently serves as a board member on the State Deferred Compensation Committee and Idahoans for Openness in Government.

Senator Jim Woodward

Raised in Bonners Ferry and Sandpoint, Idaho, Senator Jim Woodward has a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Idaho.

Woodward is a U.S. Navy submarine officer with 21 years of active and reserve service. He is also the owner/operator of a heavy construction company, a board member of Northern Lights Electric Cooperative and the Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association.

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Representative Brooke Green

Brooke Green is a two-term Idaho State Representative and a Senior Transportation Planner with Ada County Highway District (ACHD). Green began her career in the field of public transportation with the Community Transportation Association of Idaho. Green later joined ACHD as a transportation planner.

As a state legislator, Green serves on the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee; Business, Local Government Committee and Millennium Fund Committee.

Green received two degrees from Boise State University in Communication and Marketing Technology and a master's degree from Northwest Nazarene University. She is a certified Professional Community Economic Developer (PCED).

Representative Dustin Manwaring

Dustin Manwaring was born and raised in Idaho. Manwaring is a graduate of the University of Utah and Drake University Law School.

Manwaring passed the Idaho State Bar, State Bar of California and currently owns Milestone Law, a boutique business, intellectual property and estate planning law firm serving clients in Idaho and California.

Manwaring worked for Mitt Romney's 2008 and 2012 campaigns; served as undersecretary of election day operations for the Republican party of Iowa. He was also a law clerk for U.S. Attorney's Office, S.D. Iowa and manager for Utah-based SkyWest Airlines.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the Idaho Cybersecurity Task Force please visit commerce.idaho.gov/cybersecurity or email cybersecurity@commerce.idaho.gov.

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> " **Through the Idaho National Laboratory, the State of Idaho is home to unique and world-leading capabilities in countering cyber-attacks and engineering solutions to the cybersecurity challenges facing our state and nation. We'll need increased resources, partnerships and active collaboration between a broad range of organizations to successfully protect from ever-growing cybersecurity threats, and I'm confident my Cybersecurity Task Force is up to the task.**
> **- Governor Brad Little** "