Unofficial Nomination Form
Project 2023-09 Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services

**Do not** use this form for submitting nominations. Use the [electronic form](https://nerc.checkboxonline.com/E45F5B0B-19F9-4F6D-B9EA-D92F36917997) to submit nominations for **Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services** drafting team members by **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, June 10, 2024.** This unofficial version is provided to assist nominees in compiling the information necessary to submit the electronic form.

Additional information about this project is available on the [2023-09 Risk Management for Third-Party Cloud Services](https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project-2023-09-Risk-Management-for-Third-Party-Cloud-Services.aspx) project page. If you have questions, contact Standards Developer, Jason Snider (via email), or at 609-751-7861.

By submitting a nomination form, you are indicating your willingness and agreement to actively participate in face-to-face meetings and conference calls. Previous drafting or Standard review team experience is beneficial, but not required.

# **Project Information -** Purpose

This project addresses the need to establish risk-based, outcome-driven requirements that place cloud services on par with other third-party resources already used for CIP-regulated systems, including for BES operations and supporting cyber assets. This SAR proposes to create a new standard(s) or revise existing CIP Standards to address the language that includes or implies specific physical hardware and is preventing adoption of cloud services for regulated systems. The goals also include addressing the role of third-party certifications as part of the auditability of the new or revised standards. These revisions will increase reliability and security to the Bulk Electric System (BES) by allowing the use of advanced technologies that support Entities in managing grid modernization and the changing grid landscape as well as making available to security teams all resources that can reduce potential impact and speed recovery from security events.

Standards Affected

CIP-004 and CIP-011. Additional standard revisions may be determined by the drafting team.

Nominee Expertise Requested
NERC is seeking individuals from the United States and Canada who possess experience in one or more of the following areas, but are not limited to:

* Critical Infrastructure Protection (“CIP”) family of Reliability Standards
* Cyber Asset, BES Cyber Asset definitions, BES Cyber System Information, and proposed Cyber System, and Virtual Cyber Asset definitions
* Cloud Architects, Cloud System Administrators, Cloud Security Assurance, General Knowledge of cloud computing
* Network Administrators (IT & OT),
* Identity & Access Management (IAM)
* Understanding of procurement practices with a focus on cyber security and services affecting BES operations.

# **Time Commitment Expectations**

Time commitments for this project may include one to two face-to-face meetings per quarter (on average two to three full working days each meeting) with conference calls held at a regular cadence (on average one to three times a week as needed) scheduled between the face-to-face meetings. Team members can agree to individual or subgroup assignments, hold separate meetings, and present to the full drafting team for discussion and review. Another important component of quality reviews and drafting team efforts is outreach. Members of the team will be expected to conduct industry outreach during the development process to support a successful project outcome.

## Project Priority

Each project will be developed according to that project’s priority status. While each standard project addresses particular industry needs, some will be identified as a higher priority. A higher priority project can include a strict timeline, which may be needed to effectively respond to a FERC Directive or other factors determined by the NERC Board of Trustees. A higher priority project may also need to increase the frequency of meetings at any time throughout the development process to account for project timeline needs. Similarly, lower priority projects may adjust to less frequent meetings to reallocate resources to high priority projects.

This project has been identified as medium priority and is subject to change in the future.

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| Please briefly describe your experience and qualifications to serve on the requested Standard Drafting Team (Bio): |

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| **If you are currently a member of any NERC drafting team, please list each team here:**[ ]  Not currently on any active SAR or standard drafting team. [ ]  Currently a member of the following SAR or standard drafting team(s): |
| **If you previously worked on any NERC drafting team, please identify the team(s):** [ ]  No prior NERC SAR or standard drafting team.[ ]  Prior experience on the following team(s): |
| **Acknowledgement that the nominee has read and understands both the *NERC Participant Conduct Policy* and the *Standard Drafting Team Scope* documents, available on NERC Standards Resources.**[ ]  Yes, the nominee has read and understands these documents. |
| Select each NERC Region in which you have experience relevant to the Project for which you are volunteering: |
| [ ]  MRO[ ]  NPCC[ ]  RF | [ ]  SERC[ ]  Texas RE [ ]  WECC | [ ]  NA – Not Applicable |
| **Select each Industry Segment that you represent:** |
| [ ]  | 1 — Transmission Owners |
| [ ]  | 2 — RTOs, ISOs |
| [ ]  | 3 — Load-serving Entities |
| [ ]  | 4 — Transmission-dependent Utilities |
| [ ]  | 5 — Electric Generators |
| [ ]  | 6 — Electricity Brokers, Aggregators, and Marketers |
| [ ]  | 7 — Large Electricity End Users |
| [ ]  | 8 — Small Electricity End Users |
| [ ]  | 9 — Federal, State, and Provincial Regulatory or other Government Entities |
| [ ]  | 10 — Regional Reliability Organizations and Regional Entities |
| [ ]  | NA – Not Applicable |

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| Select each Function in which you have current or prior expertise:  |
| [ ]  Balancing Authority[ ]  Compliance Enforcement Authority[ ]  Distribution Provider[ ]  Generator Operator[ ]  Generator Owner[ ]  Interchange Authority[ ]  Load-serving Entity [ ]  Market Operator[ ]  Planning Coordinator | [ ]  Transmission Operator [ ]  Transmission Owner[ ]  Transmission Planner[ ]  Transmission Service Provider [ ]  Purchasing-selling Entity[ ]  Reliability Coordinator [ ]  Reliability Assurer[ ]  Resource Planner |
| Provide the names and contact information for two references who could attest to your technical qualifications and your ability to work well in a group: |
| Name: |  | Telephone: |  |
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| Provide the name and contact information of your immediate supervisor or a member of your management who can confirm your organization’s willingness to support your active participation. |
| Name: |  | Telephone: |  |
| Title: |  | Email: |  |

**Version History**

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| Version | Date | Revision Details |
| 1.0 | 7/25/2023 | Removed footnote to NERC Functional Model |
| 2.0 | 8/22/2023 | Updated to include project information headers, language regarding time commitments, and project priority |
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