

Standards Announcement Project 2014-04 Physical Security Standard Drafting Team

Nomination Period Now Open through March 18, 2014

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Nominations are being sought for the Project 2014-04 Physical Security Standard Drafting Team (SDT). On March 7, 2014, FERC issued an Order, directing NERC to develop a new Reliability Standard to address concerns about the physical security of the Bulk-Power System. From the order:

“The Commission directs the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), as the Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO), to submit for approval one or more Reliability Standards that will require certain registered entities to take steps or demonstrate that they have taken steps to address physical security risks and vulnerabilities related to the reliable operation of the Bulk-Power System. The proposed Reliability Standards should require owners or operators of the Bulk-Power System, as appropriate, to identify facilities on the Bulk-Power System that are critical to the reliable operation of the Bulk-Power System. Then, owners or operators of those identified critical facilities should develop, validate and implement plans to protect against physical attacks that may compromise the operability or recovery of such facilities. The Commission directs NERC to submit the proposed Reliability Standards to the Commission within 90 days of the date of this order.”

Potential SDT members should have experience in physical security programmatic design, risk assessments, evaluations, management, and identification of critical transmission substations and control centers, rather than the execution of physical security plan mitigation measures. In addition, compliance, legal, regulatory, and technical writing are desired. Previous drafting team experience and/or experience with development of standards is beneficial, but not required.

The expected time commitment for this team is aggressive because of directives with a deadline associated with them. The SDT is expected to meet in person for up to three full three-day meetings during the project which is anticipated to last 90 days, with additional conference calls between face-to-face meetings as necessary to meet the aggressive project schedule. The first technical conference will be held in Atlanta on April 1, 2014 and the new drafting team will meet immediately following, April 2-4, 2014. SDT members are expected to attend both events.

Submitting a Nomination

If you are interested in serving on the SDT, please complete the [official nomination form](#) by **March 18, 2013**. The nomination form should be submitted describing the individual's experience or qualifications related to the project.

An unofficial Word version of the nomination form is also posted on the [Standard Drafting Team Vacancies](#) page.

For information on the **Standards Development Process**, please refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

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