

# Mason-IBM-NSF Partnership Yields Second Cyber Report

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The Mason-IBM-NSF Cybersecurity Leadership and Smart Grid Conference happened in April 2015 as part of a multi-year research project on chief information security officers (CISOs), cybersecurity executive leadership, and securing the next generation smart grid.

The conference, which built upon a [summer 2014 workshop](#), brought together more than 200 attendees from across the United States. Conference speakers included industry experts, such as CISOs, chief technology officers (CTOs) and chief information officers (CIOs) from the government, private sector, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Together the presenters spoke from the vantage point of their specific industries with presentations by GlaxoSmithKline, AES, and PEPCO representing the health care and energy industries; the Commonwealth of Virginia, George Mason University, Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) focusing on issues affecting government and educational institutions; and Honeywell, IBM, Mehta Technologies, and Schneider Electric providing expertise and insights on the challenges and uncertainties associated with securing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and ICS. In addition, speakers from Japan and the World Bank provided international perspectives.

The diversity of institutions, industries and nations provided a unique forum to discuss the challenges facing cybersecurity leaders and new technologies like the smart grid. These powerful messages are captured in the conference report prepared by project team consisting of George Mason and IBM members and is now available for public view.

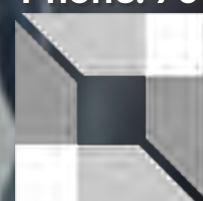
The report is organized in two sections - Part 1 Cybersecurity Leadership and Developing a Cybersecurity Program and Part 2 Cybersecurity for Smart Grid, with each section further addressing a number of key research questions. [Download a complete copy of the report.](#)

The next steps of the Mason-NSF project are continuing a series of CISO interviews, CISO focus groups and roundtable discussions, and the publishing of a report on CISO core competencies in spring 2016.

[Download the first Mason-IBM-NSF Cybersecurity Workshop Report.](#)



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