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**NETWORK & SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES ASSISTS THE  
AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY WITH SCADA SECURITY**

*Network & Security Technologies Continues to Address SCADA Security*

**PEARL RIVER, NEW YORK** (May 24, 2005) - The Australian Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA) has teamed with Network & Security Technologies of Pearl River, New York, USA to assist many of Australia's critical infrastructure organizations with the security of their SCADA solutions. SCADA, an acronym for supervisory control and data acquisition, lies at the heart of most electric power, water, gas, waste treatment, telecommunications and oil operations. It includes data networks, computer systems and sophisticated distributed applications that enable public infrastructure providers to gather data and automate control over a wide area.

"Network & Security Technologies brought deep insights into how these systems work and the critical need for protecting them," said a senior DCITA representative. "They work extensively in the US to help companies rationalize their approach to SCADA security and prepare for upcoming technologies. We're very fortunate to have them participate in our first series of the SCADA Community of Interest Security Workshops."

The workshops were organized by DCITA on behalf of the Information Technology Security Expert Advisory Group's (ITSEAG) SCADA Community of Interest (CoI) to bring together industry thought leaders to share their ideas about the future of SCADA security. Participants learned of emergent trends in technology. These will both facilitate and protect the cyber assets (networks and computers) that make up automation and distributed process control solutions. They also explored the need for a well thought through strategy for fielding the technologies including organizational issues, policy and procedures.

"SCADA will play a critical part in Australia's future," said another officer of DCITA. We created TISN [Trusted Information Sharing Network] to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge and to maximize the value of SCADA to the nation. Network & Security Technologies has made an invaluable contribution to our efforts by bringing real-world experience into the discussion."

"They clearly understand the potential of automation for advancing Australia's prosperity. By ensuring the security of SCADA, critical infrastructure providers can make much broader use of these technologies than we see today. This will dramatically reduce operating costs while greatly improving the quality of service. In this respect, DCITA is out ahead of most countries, including the US," says Jeff Kimmelman, CTO of Network & Security Technologies

ITSEAG is part of the Trusted Information Sharing Network for critical infrastructure protection (TISN), which enables the owners and operators of critical infrastructure to share information on important issues. The TISN is coordinated by the Australian Attorney General's Department. The ITSEAG is made up of academic specialists, vendors, consultants and industry association representatives who are leaders in the information technology/e-security field. More information on TISN can be sought from <http://www.tisn.gov.au> or by calling (02) 6271 1426 in Australia.

## **About Network & Security Technologies**

Network & Security Technologies delivers enterprise security consulting and services for assessing, designing, deploying and managing information technology protection. They specialize in working with critical infrastructure organizations, such as electric power providers, and their SCADA networks. More information can be sought from <http://www.netsectech.com> or calling (845)-620-9500 in the US.

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