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Mr. William Pelgrin is the **President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Internet Security (CIS)**. The Center for Internet Security (CIS) is a non-profit enterprise that helps organizations reduce the risk of business and e-commerce disruptions resulting from inadequate technical security controls. CIS provides enterprises with consensus best practice standards for security configurations, as well as resources for measuring information security status and for making rational decisions about security investments.

CIS also develops benchmarks that are globally accepted as the standard for the secure configuration of information technology systems, and the US Cyber Challenge program which provides a range of opportunities to identify and nurture talented Americans to meet the national priority for an expanded and trained cyber security workforce. As President and CEO of CIS, Mr. Pelgrin directs all strategic, operational and financial aspects of the CIS enterprise, including: communication of CIS mission to CIS Membership and the public; compliance with all applicable laws and regulations; ensure optimal allocation of CIS's human, financial, and physical assets; foster CIS staff professional development; ensure high levels of product and service quality; and communicate with and receive direction from the CIS Board of Directors.

The Center's mission is to establish and promote the use of consensus-based standards to raise the level of security and privacy in Internet-connected systems, and to ensure the integrity of the business, government and private Internet-based functions and transactions on which society increasingly depends. CIS is an independent organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors; it is not owned or controlled in full or part by any corporation or government entity.

Mr. Pelgrin is also the **Founder and Chair of the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)**. Mr. Pelgrin established the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) in January 2003 in recognition of the need for collaboration across states to better prevent, detect, respond to and recover from cyber incidents. The MS-ISAC has representation from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, local governments and U.S. Territories and serves as a collaborative mechanism to share information regarding cyber security issues. Because of the success of the MS-ISAC, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has recognized the MS-ISAC for its proactive role in coordinating state and local government cyber readiness and response.

Mr. Pelgrin is the **Chair of the National Council of Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (National Council of ISACs) (Formerly Called: ISAC Council).** The mission of the National Council of Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (National Council of ISACs) is to advance the physical and cyber security of the critical infrastructures of North America by establishing and maintaining a framework for valuable interaction between and among the ISACs and with government. The National Council of ISACs includes representation from the following national industry sector ISACs: Chemical, Electricity, Energy, Emergency Management and Response, Financial Services, Highway, Information Technology, Government, Telecommunications, Public Transit, Surface Transportation and Water. The MS-ISAC, under Pelgrin's leadership, became the first government entity allowed as a member of the National Council of ISACs. Mr. Pelgrin was elected Chair in December 2008 and re-elected in December 2009 and 2010.

Mr. Pelgrin is a **Commission Member to Brief the Next President of the United States Center for Strategic and International Studies.** Mr. Pelgrin was appointed to serve as a Commission Member of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Commission on Cyber Security to brief the next President of the United States. The Commission on Cyber Security for the 44th Presidency released their recommendations for a comprehensive strategy to improve cyber security in federal systems and in critical infrastructure.

Most Recent Awards:
-   Mr. Pelgrin was recently selected by GovInfoSecurity as one of the Top 10 Government Information Security Leaders for 2011. This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated the ability to lead and collaborate, with a proven history of getting things done.
-   Mr. Pelrin was also selected as one of the Top 25 Doers, Dreamers and Drivers for 2011 by Government Technology.