

Network Security - From a User & Vendor Perspective

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This panel will consider the questions below and others related to the implementation of current government-developed network security products, applications, and infrastructure. The panelists have experience with current MISSI Beta Test activity, Defense Message System (DMS) pilot tests, MISSI and DMS for NATO, FORTEZZA infrastructure, emerging FORTEZZA-compatible applications, and government product evaluation and approval processes in both North America and Europe. Responses will be an indicator of where the current programs are meeting user needs and how governments and industry can best work together to meet future network security requirements.

1. What network security functionality does industry identify as real user requirements? Have we missed the mark?
2. Can government-specific network security requirements be met by commercial technology? If not, what is missing?
3. Where government-specific technology is needed, what is best approach to design, build, evaluate, and deploy it?
4. Are the North American and European Community government network security product compliance/approval/endorsement processes adequate? If not, how can they be improved?
5. Where should the government work with industry to develop and field network security products for their mutual benefit?
6. Can governments influence the direction of commercial technology to take

government requirements into account (or, at least, make meeting government requirements less difficult)?

7. Are any of the following items inhibiting FORTEZZA PC card implementation and, if so, what changes are needed?

Standards

Per-seat price

Availability and interoperability of applications

Speed of evolution vs. that of commercial cryptographic technology

PKI and related infrastructure

8. How can U.S. vendors support FORTEZZA functionality and availability in Europe?