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FSSCC Welcomes Greg Garcia as Executive Director

The Financial Services Sector Coordinating Council for Critical Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security (FSSCC) has appointed Greg Garcia to serve as the Council's first executive director.

"As a homeland security and public policy executive with extensive experience in both the public and private sectors, Greg is well-positioned to represent FSSCC as a spokesman and coordinator and develop new initiatives to advance the mission of critical infrastructure protection and cybersecurity," said Charles Blauner, global head of information security for Citi and current chair of FSSCC.

Prior to joining FSSCC, Garcia was an advisor to the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC) where he testified before the House Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee and spoke to the FS-ISAC's programs and operations as a model for other commercial and critical infrastructure sectors. He also outlined several industry efforts to partner with the government and included FSSCC and trade association initiatives as examples.

"Greg is highly respected by our members and partners, through his past public service as well as his previous role as chair of the Cyber Security Committee in 2011 in his capacity as Bank of America's partnership executive," said Doug Johnson, vice president and senior advisor for the American Bankers Association and current FSSCC vice chair.

In addition to his tenure at Bank of America, Garcia was the nation's first assistant secretary for cyber security and communications at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under President Bush from 2006-2009. He held senior public policy positions with two high tech industry associations and was head of 3Com Corporation's global government relations office.

"I look forward to returning to the FSSCC to continue in a leadership role of maintaining and strengthening the integrity and resilience of the financial services ecosystem and the economic stability it serves," said Garcia. "In addition to continuing my previous efforts to further FSSCC's goals, I welcome the opportunity to pursue new initiatives alongside respected and like-minded colleagues with equal passion."

FSSCC's mission is to strengthen the resiliency of the financial services sector against attacks and other threats to the nation's critical infrastructure. The Council has 63 volunteer member associations and financial institutions representing clearinghouses, commercial banks, credit rating agencies, exchanges/electronic communication networks, financial advisory services, insurance companies, financial utilities, government-sponsored enterprises, investment banks, merchants, retail banks, and electronic payment firms. For more information, visit www.FSSCC.org.

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