Initiative Concept Submission to Cybersecurity Advisory Committee

General Project/Initiative Information

Initiative Name

Sponsor
All initiative proposals must be sponsored by a member of the research and education community. This can include Eligible Organizations, NREN Partners, or community organizations and associations that represent Eligible Organizations (such as CUCCIO, CICAN, etc.).
For example, a proposal from a private sector entity must include at least one sponsor from the eligible list above.

Owner

Abstract

Initiative Details

Time to Deploy

Objective

Benefits to Eligible Organizations

Risks to Eligible Organizations

Applicability

Integration/Alignment with Other Initiatives

Roles and Resources

Cost of Initiative

Sustainability (including costs)

Assumptions

Initiative Risks

Dependencies

How Project Fulfills Selection Criteria

1. Efficacy	**Requirement:** An initiative is deemed to demonstrate efficacy if it responds effectively to a set of, or specific, organizational cybersecurity risks, and its implementation and ongoing operation will not unduly burden organizational staff. **Proposed validation:** How much of a difference will the initiative make? (as a sample metric, expected average gain in relevant benchmark score)
2. Broad Applicability	**Requirement:** An initiative has broad applicability if it responds to a specific organizational risk and is deemed important by, or directly applicable to, a substantial proportion of the intended community. **Proposed validation:** The total of the organizations that can adopt the initiative directly and the organizations that can adopt the initiative must reach a predetermined hurdle or target based on the intended user base.

3. Time to Deploy	**Requirement**: An initiative addresses the Time to Deploy criteria if the proposed dates for the implementation of the initiative and any risks related to meeting implementation schedules are acceptable. **Proposed validation**: Related to time for initial deployment and time for full deployment: in both cases an initiative that makes a difference faster would rate higher. Must be within the timeframe of funding window. Rating could be reduced if full deployment were to take too long.
4. Affordability	**Requirement**: An initiative is deemed to meet the affordability criteria if: the cost of the initiative is affordable for CANARIE or NDRIO, or where appropriate, the community (in the event a cost-sharing model is used) **Proposed validation**: Are there funds available (directly or with cost-sharing) for the initiative?

5. Sustainability	**Requirement**: An initiative is deemed to be sustainable if: its description includes resources to deliver, maintain and monitor the efficacy of the service through the end of the funding period.
	Proposed validation: Does the Initiative require an ongoing critical skill that may be lost? Are there critical dependencies to sustain initiative that must be committed, mitigated over time.