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A number of U.S. organizations are working to improve the security of identities and authentication, including promoting and expanding multifactor authentication and educating individuals and institutions about staying secure online. The April IAM Online will feature speakers from three of these organizations: the National Cyber Security Alliance, the FIDO (Fast IDentity Online) Alliance, and the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (part of the National Institute for Standards and Technology).

The National Cyber Security Alliance is conducting a multi-city tour to educate consumers and businesses about multifactor authentication. By enlisting the support of local community leaders, government officials, businesses and universities, local residents are learning first-hand how to better protect themselves online by adding an extra layer of security, which confirms the identity of the user.

The FIDO Alliance was formed in July 2012 to address the lack of interoperability among strong authentication technologies, and remedy the problems users face with creating and remembering multiple usernames and passwords. The FIDO Alliance develops standards for simpler, stronger authentication that define an open, scalable, interoperable set of mechanisms that reduce reliance on passwords.

We will also hear highlights from **the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace**, a White House initiative to work collaboratively with the private sector, advocacy groups, public sector agencies, and other organizations to improve the privacy, security, and convenience of online transactions. NSTIC has funded a number of pilot projects, including the Internet2 Scalable Privacy effort.

Speakers

Kristin Judge, Program Lead, National Cyber Security Alliance
Jeff Shultz, National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC)
Brett McDowell, Executive Director, The FIDO Alliance
Stephan Somogyi, Google

Moderator

Theresa Semmens, Chief Information Security Officer, North Dakota State University

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