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National Cyber Strategy; still waiting for details

On June 12th, Public Safety Canada announced a new Canadian Cyber Security Strategy, which was highlighted by a consolidation of federal cyber operations. ITAC believes this is an important step forward, however, the continued lack of details is discouraging.

As communicated previously, ITAC has called upon the government on many occasions to introduce a cyber certification program, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). A program like this would require an increase in Canadian cyber talent capacity – which is already in limited supply.

Talent is the foundation of Canada's cyber security industry, and of tech-based innovations across Canada. While the Ministerial level announcement provided few details on the government's proposed approach, it is our hope that these areas are addressed, in detail, in future announcements.

The Canadian Centre for Cyber Security will provide industry with a single contact point for engagement – a strong acknowledgement that the current approach was not working. Historically, the Government of Canada's approach to cyber security has been spread out among numerous departments.

New Appointments

ITAC welcomes the announcement of Scott Jones, as First Head of the Canadian Centre of Cyber Security and looks forward to working closely with him and our industry partners.

Also recently announced is the new Chief of the Communications Security Establishment, Shelly Bruce. ITAC has also reached out to Ms. Bruce to offer our congratulations on her new role, and our hope that the federal government continue to: focus on the research, development and commercialization of new cyber security technologies; develop programming to support the growth of Canada's dynamic cyber security industry; and scale up our cyber SMEs, to take advantage of a \$100B global cyber economy.