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## OBAMA'S TWO CYBER LEADERS WILL SPEAK BACK-TO-BACK AT ISA CONFERENCE

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The Internet Security Alliance announced today that the two individuals who have led presidential investigations into cybersecurity policy for President Obama will speak back-to-back at [ISA's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference on September 15](#).

Melissa Hathaway, who ran President Obama's 60-day cybersecurity review at the beginning of his administration and wrote the President's signature cybersecurity policy paper, "The Cyber Space Policy Review", will address the ISA conference at 4:15 pm. Kiersten Todt, who is the Executive Director of President Obama's Commission on Enhancing National Security, will follow Ms. Hathaway's speech at 4:30 pm.

The Cyber Space Policy Review, released by the Obama Administration in 2009, largely followed the recommendations of the ISA's "Cybersecurity Social Contract" published in 2008. The ISA was the first and most often cited source of the "Cyber Space Policy Review", and the core tenants of President Obama's Executive Order 13636 issued in 2012 for cybersecurity can also be found in the ISA's proposals.

The House Republican Task Force Report on cybersecurity, released in 2013, also embraced the ISA Social Contract recommendations.

As the Executive Director of the President's Commission, Ms. Todt is charged with providing recommendations to the incoming administration on December 1, 2016. The Commission currently has a Request for Information out to the private sector regarding ideas to be folded into the Commission report.

The Internet Security Alliance has prepared a nearly 400-page book of recommendations for the incoming administration, which it has provided to both the Commission and the Congress. ISA's conference, which will be held in conjunction with the launch of the book, is designed to highlight the ISA recommendations and provide a space for government specialists to respond.

In addition to Ms. Hathaway and Ms. Todt, confirmed speakers at the ISA conference include Michael Daniel and David Edelman from the White House, John Carlin from DOJ, Suzanne Spaulding from DHS, and a wide range of industry speakers, most of which serve on the ISA board and have contributed to the ISA book of recommendations.

**About ISA:** *The Internet Security Alliance (ISA) is a trade association with members from virtually every critical industry sector. ISA's mission is to integrate advanced technology with economics and public policy to create a sustainable system of cyber security. ISA pursues three goals: thought leadership, policy advocacy and promoting sound security practices. ISA's "Cybersecurity Social Contract" has been embraced as the model for government policy by both Republicans and Democrats. ISA also developed the Cyber Risk Handbook for the National Association of Corporate Directors. For more information about ISA, please visit [www.isalliance.org](http://www.isalliance.org) or 703-907-7090.*

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