

**TITLE OF PANEL:** TPEP to NIAP CCEVS: Completing the Transition

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**SESSION ABSTRACT:**

With the implementation of the National Information Assurance Partnership's (NIAP) Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme (CCEVS) the United States will complete its transition from government only evaluations using the *Trusted Computer Systems Evaluation Criteria* (TCSEC) (aka Orange Book) to fully accredited commercial evaluation facilities conducting evaluations under the new international *Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation*. This panel will discuss the status of each program and the formal transition. An overview of the transition from the National Security Agency's (NSA) Trusted Product Evaluation Program (TPEP) to their Trust Technology Assessment Program (TTAP).

When the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and NSA formed the NIAP, they launched an effort to establish a joint program to fully implement the CCEVS. Upon implementation of the CCEVS the NSA will transition all evaluation activities for Common Criteria Evaluated Assurance Levels (EAL) 1-4 to this joint program. Like TTAP, CCEVS represents a change in the government's approach and involvement in commercial product evaluations.

Each panelist should highlight the history and accomplishments of their program and the significant differences and similarities of each. The panel should conclude with the formal presentation of the new NIAP CCEVS and open up the floor for discussions.