Independent College Enterprise Selects Arctic Security's (EWS) Early Warning Service

Independent College Enterprise Collaborates with Arctic Security to Publish a White Paper documenting the efficacy and value of the "Early Warning Service."

OULU, FINLAND — January 21, 2021, Arctic Security, a Finnish cybersecurity company, is focused on helping national cybersecurity authorities by providing an incident notification platform. This platform has helped many nations to protect their most critical infrastructure.

Arctic Security is pleased to announce that the Independent College Enterprise (ICE) selected Arctic Security's (EWS) Early Warning Service to improve its member schools' security posture. EWS automatically alerts participants about vulnerabilities and suspected compromised hosts visible on their computer networks. ICE's decision came after results from a 6-month joint research study showed the time from a security breach to fix improved dramatically from an average of 81 days to just 1.3 days. This significant achievement, along with a confirmed data quality of 98% accurate and only 2% false positives, led the consortium to adopt the EWS service.

Shelley Nason, the CEO of ICE, commented: *"I am pleased to bring this service to our member schools. During the study, our participating schools were - impressed with the ability to see actionable and precise notifications. In addition, the reduction of time-to-fix issues enabled our schools to become more proactive and improve their security posture without negatively impacting their other duties. In today's market, hiring additional, experienced, cybersecurity professionals is challenging, so it is essential to leverage existing security resources, enabling teams to achieve more in less time."* Nason added, *"We chose Arctic Security because they were first and foremost just great to work with; they truly acted like a partner, helping us from the easy implementation to the overall support. Their service is first class."*

"For years, we have focused our attention on National Cyber Security Centers and Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERT's). With the launch of our new Early Warning Service, notifications are delivered directly to end-user organizations that have, until now, been unable to access this type of information," stated Arctic Security CEO, David Chartier. Chartier previously helped Codenomicon, the company that uncovered and named the Heartbleed vulnerability in 2014 – one of the most widespread and potentially dangerous vulnerabilities ever identified.

"We identified Higher Education because this market is under siege from increasing attacks and has limited budgets; a situation exasperated by Covid 19. Our goal is to democratize access to this information resource so that all can benefit, not just the richest corporations or highly endowed. We are honored to partner with the ICE consortium of schools to help them get ahead of the hackers. They will benefit from this external perspective, which helps them to prioritize urgent cybersecurity issues that need fixing."

"The University of Charleston continues to fully embrace technology to deliver the types of services and experiences that our students expect," said University of Charleston President Martin Roth. *"In today's ever-accelerating pace of digital innovation, colleges and universities must continue to explore and invest in the best solutions to support their strategies and people. Being part of the ICE consortium provides us with access to world-class resources such as Arctic Security's EWS that help us keep our data safe during these turbulent times."*

About Arctic Security:
Arctic Security is a Finnish cybersecurity company that has previously focused on helping national cybersecurity authorities by providing an incident notification platform. Having seen the effects of such systems in the critical infrastructure space, Arctic Security is now focused on bringing the capability to a broader audience of MSSPs, enterprises, and universities. For more information, please visit Arctic Security at https://arcticsecurity.com

About the Independent College Enterprise:

The Independent College Enterprise consists of 10 self-governing higher education institutions that jointly purchase and maintain common information technology solutions. Consortium members are located across five states and include Alderson Broaddus University, Bethany College, Davis & Elkins College, Emory & Henry College, Stillman College, Tusculum University, University of Charleston, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Wheeling Jesuit University, and William Peace University. ICE is headquartered in Charleston, West Virginia. For more information, please visit ICE at https://www.iceschools.org.

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