Ike Rivers Appointed to Top Security Board in Industry

ALEXANDRIA, VA (October 2022) – Isaiah “Ike” Rivers, chief security officer for the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA), was appointed to serve as a board member of the National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC). His four-year term began October 1, 2022.

Through Executive Order 12829, NISPPAC recommends changes in industrial security policy to the President, the Secretary of Defense and other executive branch officials by modifying the governing order, its implementing directive, and the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual rule.

Rivers embraces this opportunity to help inform industrial security policies that will ultimately strengthen security efforts at IDA and similar organizations. “I am honored to help mold the future of national security,” said Rivers. “It’s great to be representing the perspectives of an organization like IDA on this important effort.

NISPPAC has 16 board members evenly divided between government and industry. As an industry representative, Rivers will discuss key policies and how to ensure they are being enforced. He and the other representatives will bring concerns within the industry to the committee for policy consideration.

In addition to his role in the NISPPAC, Rivers is also an executive board member of the Federally Funded Research and Development Center Security Council and a member of the National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Council. On these and several other security-related associations, he serves on numerous working groups that focus on insider threats, physical security, security policy and professional mentorship.

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