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PSIA Demo at ASIS 2016

Tuesday, Sept 13th- 10am-11am
Convention Center Meeting Room W209A

PLAI offers solutions for Cybersecurity and Building Management

The Physical Security Interoperability Alliance (PSIA) will demonstrate two new use cases at ASIS 2016, addressing cybersecurity and building automation. Cyber-attacks, one of the issues that keep security professionals up at night, are getting significant attention in the industry. The PSIA will demonstrate an exciting new application for its Physical Logical Access Interoperability (PLAI) profile, providing critical infrastructure protection. We will demonstrate people badging into an area before they can make any changes to process control systems.

Combining identity management and building management is an emerging area of interest for companies. The PSIA will demonstrate the events profile of its PLAI specification. Events will form a critical extension of PLAI, providing role-based services supporting environmental (heating/cooling), occupancy, parking, printing management, and other business management operations. This will complement the fundamental aspects of PLAI-the harmonization of identities and credentials across different PACS systems based upon an authoritative logical identity source. This demonstration will show how the event profile allows events from different PACS to automatically impact other systems relying on PLAI.

The ASIS demonstration will also show how PLAI can interact with BACnet. Events will be received by a Tridium software component which converts PLAI events to BACNet calls to adjust a thermostat's set point. The thermostat controlling the air temperature will drop-back when people enter a room and then increase as they exit.

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From the Executive Director

The customer...for many businesses it is the most important factor in their success. While industry organizations may be a little different, we do have customers that we are trying to satisfy. Vendors are an important customer, which we support by providing common standards, which minimize redundant effort, make implementations easier, and hopefully reduce costs. We also view the end-users of security products as our customers. If they do not find value in our standards, the vendors won't bother to support them.



The PSIA has long recognized that integrators are a critical bridge between vendors and end users. They have to understand how to best support their customers and assist them in selecting products that will satisfy their needs. They also benefit from standards which make integrations easier, faster, and less expensive.

Last month the PSIA officially launched its **Integrator Advisory Council (IAC)** to help support security systems integrators. The objective of this group is to provide the customer perspective as the PSIA considers specifications and criteria needed to effectively support market needs. The IAC will also educate the market on open standards, what is available, and how they can benefit from them. Our founding members are a solid group, representing some of the more progressive integrators in the market. The PSIA IAC founding members are:

- Altel
- Aronson Security-
- Convergent
- Northland Controls
- RFI
- Tech Systems

We appreciate these companies' commitment to advancing open standards and view them as important partners with the PSIA as we develop solutions to improve technology in the physical security industry. We encourage end users to rely on these companies as resources to find out more about the PSIA and its work with access control and identity management products and services.

I hope you have had a great summer and look forward to seeing you at the PSIA demo at ASIS in Orlando!

David Bunzel
PSIA Executive Director

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About PSIA

The Physical Security Interoperability Alliance is a global consortium of physical security manufacturers and integrators focused on promoting the interoperability of IP-enabled security devices across every segment of the industry. PSIA supports license-free standards and specifications, which are vetted in an open and collaborative manner to the industry as a whole. Specifications are developed through member and industry participation in five active working groups: IP Video, Video Analytics, Recording and Content Management, Area Control and Systems. To date, more than 2100 industry professionals have downloaded PSIA's specifications.

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