TRUST TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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This panel will focus on the progress of the Trust Technology Assessment Program (TTAP) initiative including the lessons learned from the prototype effort to validate the process, procedures, and documentation to support the program in a commercial environment. Additionally, the panel will provided feedback to the community on the outcome of the public workshop on the TTAP held in September 1996. The panel will also provide insight into future activities associated with product testing and evaluation currently under discussion within NIST and NSA.

The TTAP is a joint National Security Agency (NSA) and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) effort to commercialize lower level of trust evaluation of commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) products. Under the Auspices of the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP), TTAP will establish, approve, and oversee commercial evaluation laboratories focusing initially on products with features and assurances characterized by the Trusted Computer Systems Evaluation Criteria (TCSEC) Class B1 and lower levels of trust. Vendors desiring a level of trust evaluation will contract with an accredited laboratory and pay a fee for their product's evaluation.