



DOMESTIC SECURITY ALLIANCE COUNCIL

DSAC Liaison Information Report (LIR)

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(U) Solicitation of Sensitive Facility Information Targeted Against Energy Sector

(U) A Massachusetts-based organization identifying themselves as the “Civil Society Institute,” has disseminated requests to public and private entities in the energy sector, asking for geographical coordinates of specific renewable energy generating sites. The letter claims that the organization is compiling a database of renewable energy sources nationwide, for the purposes of public awareness.

“We are requesting that you provide us with very specific latitude/longitude or GPS coordinates to each of your generating sites, so that we can add them to what may become the backbone of a national, publicly accessible, geospatial, and comprehensive database—the first of its kind.”

(U) The letter also claims that they are trying to spur calls from the public for additional renewable energy sites. Recipients are asked to respond to one of two “G-mail” addresses provided at the conclusion of the letter.

(U//FOUO) Analyst Note: The fact that the senders ask recipients to respond to non-official e-mail accounts is unusual. The sensitivities of site locations, and other information in the energy sector should warrant communication from an official e-mail address.

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(U) The organization's website, www.CivilSocietyInstitute.org, presents a professional image, and seems to be consistent with an organization dedicated to clean energy and environmental awareness. Analysis of the organization reveals that it was established in 1996, and has gone through at least one name change since creation. The organization has no known past due accounts, or items in collection. Multiple checks against law enforcement databases returned no derogatory information at this time.

(U//FOUO) Recipients of this solicitation are advised to use discretion in deciding whether or not to respond. While it is possible that the intent of the senders is to provide a public service, a publicly available compilation of renewable energy sites could be used for targeting purposes by terrorist or criminal organizations.

(U) DSAC partners with additional information about this activity, or opinions on this LIR, should contact the program office at 703-414-8520, or by e-mail at DSAC@ic.fbi.gov, to the ATTN of IA Jason Pinegar.

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