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Don Proctor is Senior Vice President at Cisco in the Office of the Chairman and CEO. As the sponsoring executive of Cisco’s Cybersecurity Task Force, he works with worldwide government leaders in defense, civilian agencies, and the intelligence community to advance the safety, privacy, and integrity of their critical network infrastructures.

Proctor joined Cisco in 1995 and has held a variety of leadership positions in the company’s enterprise, commercial, and service provider businesses. Most recently, he served as Senior Vice President of Cisco’s global software group and was responsible for development of Cisco’s IOS software, network management, VoIP, web collaboration, and global government solutions businesses.

Before that he was Senior Vice President and General Manager of Cisco’s Collaboration Software Group, Voice Technology Group, and Service Provider Switching Group. Early in his tenure at Cisco, Proctor led the product team that developed Cisco’s first integrated voice/data router. Prior to joining Cisco, he worked for software maker Sybase.

Proctor has led or served on a broad variety of Cisco’s corporate boards and councils, including the Enterprise Business Council, the Cisco Development Council, the Software Council, and the Technology Policy Council.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Proctor is a member of the professional faculty at UC Berkeley’s Haas School of Business and the University of San Francisco. He formerly taught network technologies in the UC Berkeley Engineering Extension program. He represents Cisco on the advisory boards of the Lawrence Hall of Science, focused on K-12 STEM education, and the Coleman Fung Institute for Engineering Leadership. He is on the board of

About Cybersecurity

The network technologies that underlie the explosive growth of the Internet over the past thirty years have transformed the way people live, work, play, and learn. Today, a trusted and resilient information and communications infrastructure is essential not only to how companies do business, but to how countries protect the safety, security, and economic prosperity of their citizens.

Cyberspace has emerged as the “fourth commons” after sea, air, and space in the defense world, and a broad variety of private and public networks make up the critical infrastructure that enables governments to provide essential services. The network has become both a platform for innovation and a mission-critical resource for the civilian, defense, and intelligence operations of governments.

As the number and diversity of connected devices continues to multiply, it has become clear that simple endpoint-based security approaches are no longer sufficient. At the same time, the emergence of cloud-based applications and services emphasize the need for an architectural approach for ensuring the privacy, integrity, and availability of information resources.

As the worldwide leader in networking for the Internet, Cisco is committed to providing products and services that provide a holistic, proactive, layered approach to counter both existing and emerging cybersecurity threats.