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Provision of Support Services under the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry's "Cybersecurity Measures Evaluation System for Strengthening Supply Chains"
- Provided in collaboration with BroadBand Security, Inc.-

I-NET Corp.(TSE Prime : Code No. 9600, Head Office: Yokohama, Kanagawa, Representative Director and Executive President: Tomomichi Saeki, hereinafter referred to as "I-NET") and BroadBand Security, Inc. (Head Office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, President and Representative Director: Takashi Takizawa, hereinafter referred to as "BBSec") are pleased to announce the launch of a joint support service (hereinafter referred to as "the Service") designed to comply with the "Cybersecurity Measures Evaluation System for Strengthening Supply Chains" (hereinafter referred to as "the System"), which is scheduled to be implemented by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry in fiscal year 2026.

1. Background of the Service

In recent years, cyberattacks via business partners have been on the rise, with vulnerabilities in a single company within the supply chain often leading to widespread operational disruptions and information leaks. In response to this situation, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry has developed the "Cybersecurity Measures Evaluation System for Strengthening Supply Chains", which aims to enhance the overall security level of supply chains by objectively evaluating companies' security measures and certifying them with a "★ rating" based on their level of preparedness. Following the launch of the System, an increase in inquiries from business partners regarding companies' compliance status and security levels is anticipated. To support companies in smoothly obtaining evaluations under the System, we have launched this service in collaboration with BBSec.

2. Overview of the Service

This service is designed to visualize the current level of security measures based on the System, and to provide tailored security solutions for each company. I-NET, in collaboration with BBSec, offers comprehensive one-stop support from planning and implementation of corrective measures to operational assistance to help companies smoothly obtain evaluations under the System.
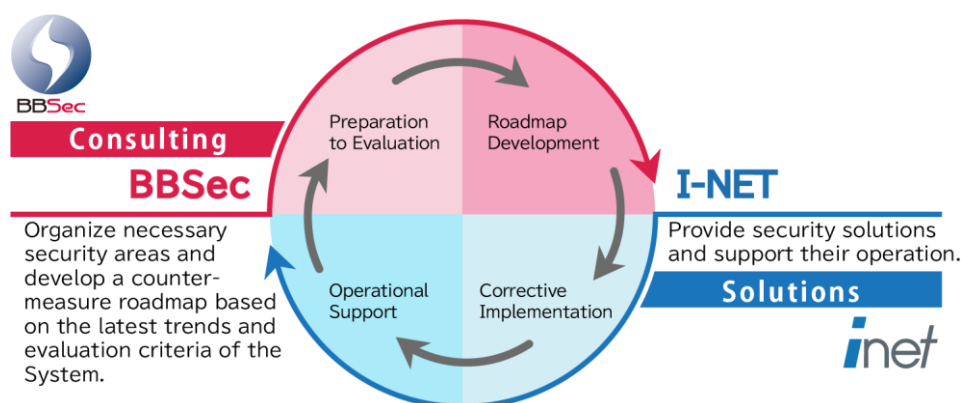

Figure 1. Overview of the Service

Phase	Role of BBSec	Role of I-NET
Preparation to Evaluation	Organize necessary security areas based on the latest trends and evaluation criteria of the System	—
Roadmap Development	Develop a corrective action roadmap based on current state analysis	—
Corrective Implementation	—	Providing security services to address challenges, including support for BCP and DR, EDR, NDR, WAF, and DDoS protection.
Operational Support	—	Support based on the usage status of the implemented solutions

Table 1. Roles of the Service

[Glossary]

•**BCP [Business Continuity Plan]**: A plan to ensure the continuation or rapid recovery of business operations in the event of disasters or disruptions.

•**DR [Disaster Recovery]**: Measures aimed at recovering systems after outages caused by natural disasters or failures.

•**EDR [Endpoint Detection and Response]**: A system that detects and responds to suspicious behavior occurring on endpoints [devices].

•**NDR [Network Detection and Response]**: A system that detects and responds to suspicious behavior occurring on a network.

•**WAF [Web Application Firewall]**: A mechanism that protects web applications from attacks.

•**DDoS [Distributed Denial of Service Attack]**: An attack method that disrupts services by sending massive traffic from multiple devices.

3. Background of the Collaboration

Since its establishment in 2000, BBSec has provided a wide range of information security services, including security assessments, operations and maintenance, and consulting. With a proven track record of conducting vulnerability assessments for over 10,000 organizations and more than 60,000 systems including financial institutions, private companies, and government agencies it is recognized as one of Japan's leading total security service providers, employing a large number of highly skilled security professionals.

By combining this expertise with I-NET's security solutions, companies can proactively implement measures ahead of the System's launch, thereby enhancing trust among stakeholders across the supply chain.

I-NET and BBSec began collaborating in the field of security in March 2022, and this initiative further strengthens their partnership. Moving forward, the two companies will continue to work together not only to support compliance with the System, but also to address a wide range of security challenges.

Comment from Mr. Takashi Takizawa, President and Representative Director of BroadBand Security, Inc.

Since the start of our collaboration with I-NET in 2022, we have worked together to build an integrated support framework that covers everything from identifying customer challenges to implementing and operating security measures. Looking ahead to the launch of the "Cybersecurity Measures Evaluation System for Strengthening Supply Chains" proposed by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (scheduled for fiscal year 2026), we are jointly introducing a proactive support service to the market.

BBSec will be responsible for gap analysis and planning based on the System's requirements, while I-NET will leverage its broad customer base and operational capabilities to ensure smooth implementation and adoption. We aim to improve the likelihood of successful evaluation and enhance the overall reliability of the supply chain together.

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