

**Subject: Leakage of Sensitive Information through Vendors (Advisory No. 07 ), Aug 2017**

1. **Background.** Cyber Security has become a significant element of overall information security however many organizations, have not implemented necessary cyber security measures that lead to leakage of sensitive information related to projects.

2. **Leakage of Secret Information**

- a. Organizations **interact with vendors** for different projects and share **sensitive / secret information related to projects** for installation, operation and maintenance.
- b. Following information can be classified as sensitive:-
  - (1) Usernames / passwords of devices.
  - (2) Configurations, IP Address Ranges and Network Diagrams.
  - (3) List of equipment and softwares or any other sensitive information.
- c. Leakage of above mentioned information through vendors is a serious security. Concern..

3. **Recommendations.** Following measures are recommended please:-

- a. Signing of Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with vendors. Organization must properly convey the seriousness of information leakage to them.
- b. Organizations must train own manpower to handle the projects and only bare minimum information be shared with vendors.
- c. Secure mechanism be evolved for sharing sensitive information with vendors.