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The Coalition for a Secure and Transparent Internet cordially invites you to a briefing on **February 7, 2019** at 11am to discuss:

***How the loss of open, accessible WHOIS data
is turning the open web into the DARK WEB***

Since the dawn of the internet, law enforcement and security experts have relied on open, accessible bulk WHOIS data to protect networks, fight crime, and investigate online abuse. Companies and consumers also use on WHOIS data, directly and derivatively, to determine from whom they are buying goods or services. WHOIS data is the contact and technical information that registrants provide when setting up a domain name, much like the white pages of the internet.

WHOIS data has been freely and publicly available since the beginning of the internet as we know it. But due to an overly broad misinterpretation of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the availability of WHOIS data to the general public, law enforcement and government agencies is at risk, threatening the safety and transparency of the internet.

The Coalition for a Secure and Transparent Internet (CSTI) was formed to educate federal and international policymakers and stakeholders on the critical importance of open access to WHOIS data and to advocate for legislation to protect this crucial tool.

We invite you to learn more about how you can assist in preserving access to this essential information and help keep the internet safe and secure.

Expert Speakers:

Tim Chen, *CEO*, Domain Tools
John Horton, *President & CEO*, LegitScript
Adam Klickovich, *Program Manager*, National Cyber-Forensics
& Training Alliance

Thursday, February 7, 2019

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

122 Cannon House Office Building

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This is a widely attended event. Refreshments will be provided

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