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2017 CHICAGO AREA CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER (CISO) AWARD WINNER**

In association with the Chicago-area Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) of the Year Program, the Chicago chapters of the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP), ISACA, FBI-InfraGard, Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) and the Society for Information Management (SIM) are proud to announce Mr. Erik Decker as the 2017 Chicago-area Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) of the Year winner.

As the Chief Security and Privacy Officer at University of Chicago Medicine (UCM), Mr. Decker oversees a health system comprised of multiple organizations including the University of Chicago Medical Center, Ingalls Healthcare, and the University of Chicago Physician Practice Group which is operated within the Biological Sciences Division of the University of Chicago. UCM is a nearly \$2 billion-dollar non-profit academic medical center with over 16,000 employees and affiliates with practices located on the Chicago south, southwest, and northwest Indiana corridors.

The winner was determined over a three-phased process that began with an extensive written submission by the nominees and then proceeded to an interview and scoring process by a panel of their peers. The Judges Panel then submitted two nominees to Mr. Anders Gustafsson, CEO Zebra Technologies and Mr. Thomas Richards, CEO CDW for final consideration. Mr. Decker was announced the winner during a breakfast ceremony at the Metropolitan Club of Chicago on October 10, 2017.

In the current business climate, the importance of maintaining a strong cyber security and privacy program has become increasingly clear. Where the odds of an organization experiencing a data breach is 1 in 4¹ and the average cost of a breach exceeds \$3.6 million², the importance of having strong security leadership has become a business imperative. The Chicago-area CISO of the Year Program recognizes the contributions of Security and Privacy leaders to their organizations, to their profession, and to the local community.

For additional information, please write to CISOoftheYearChicago@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Wayne Johnson	Co-Chair and Founder
Katie Hanahan	Co-Chair
Arlan McMillan	Co-Chair, Head of Judges Committee and 2014 CISO of the Year

^{1,2} Ponemon Institute, The 12th annual "Cost of Data Breach Study"
<https://www.ibm.com/security/data-breach/?ce=ISM0484&ct=SWG&cmp=IBMSocial&cm=h&cr=Security&ccy=US>



About the Program Partners

Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP)

www.aitpchicago.com

It is the mission of AITP Chicago to provide superior leadership and education in Information Technology. AITP is dedicated to using synergy of Information Technology partnerships to provide education and benefits to our members and to working with the industry to assist in overall promotion and direction of Information Technology.

Information Systems Security Association (ISSA)

www.issa.org

The Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) is a not-for-profit, international organization of information security professionals and practitioners. It provides educational forums, publications, and peer interaction opportunities that enhance the knowledge, skill, and professional growth of its members.

InfraGard

www.infragard.org

InfraGard is a partnership between the FBI and members of the private sector. The InfraGard program provides a vehicle for seamless public-private collaboration with government that expedites the timely exchange of information and promotes mutual learning opportunities relevant to the protection of Critical Infrastructure. With thousands of vetted members nationally, InfraGard's membership includes business executives, entrepreneurs, military and government officials, computer professionals, academia and state and local law enforcement; each dedicated to contributing industry specific insight and advancing national security.

ISACA

www.isaca.org

As an independent, nonprofit, global association, ISACA engages in the development, adoption and use of globally accepted, industry-leading knowledge and practices for information systems. Previously known as the Information Systems Audit and Control Association, ISACA now goes by its acronym only, to reflect the broad range of IT governance professionals it serves.

Society of Information Managers (SIM)

www.simnet.org

SIM brings together IT leaders to share, network and give back to their communities through the collaboration of local chapters.