



CHICAGO CISO OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM (v021-04)

The **CISO of the Year Committee** and the Chicago Chapters of **CompTIA AITP**, **ChicagoFirst**, **InfraGard**, **ISACA**, **ISSA**, and **SIM** invite you to submit exceptional cyber-security leaders for the Chicago Area CISO of the Year Award.

	Nominee	Submitter
Name		
Title		
Company		
Address		
Office Phone		
Mobile Phone		
Email Address		
LinkedIn Profile URL		

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NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Individual submitting nomination has direct experience working with Nominee.
2. Goods or services have not been exchanged or promised for nomination.
3. Nominations must be submitted by **email** to the Nomination Committee no later than **21 July 2021**.

NOMINEE REQUIREMENTS

1. Nominee leads the Information Security program for the organization (CISO or equivalent).
2. Nominee has been in role for a minimum of 12 months at the time of nomination.
3. Nominee remains active in role until the end of September of the Award year.
4. Nominee's organization is based out of or has a significant office presence in the Chicago area.
5. Nominee's primary work location is in the Chicago area.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Wayne Johnson, Founder
 Michael Phillips, Head of Judges Committee and Co-Chair
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On behalf of the Nomination Committee, prior winners, nominees and the CISOs of the Chicago region, thank you for your nomination and participation in the Program.

Wayne Johnson, Founder

PROCESS SUMMARY

Nomination is an open process that can be initiated by anyone with direct experience working with the nominee. Submitted nominations are reviewed by the Nominee Committee to ensure that the nominee meets the requirements laid out on the previous page. Nominees demonstrate their competency and achievements through a multi-staged process that includes a detailed written questionnaire, and a series of formal and informal interviews with a panel of industry peer-level judges. The program spans over five months and culminates with a final interview and selection process completed by a panel of local area CEOs. The CISO of the Year winner is announced at an Awards Ceremony held in October of the same year.

NOMINEE EVALUATION PROCESS

1. Nominees are submitted to the program by the community.
2. Anyone who has a direct working relationship with a CISO can nominate that individual for the CISO of the Year Program.
3. Participation in the program requires the explicit agreement from the nominee.
4. Nominee fills out a multi-page application covering multiple topic areas relevant to the Information Security profession and community.
5. Each nominee will be assigned at least two judges to conduct a 60-90 minute interview. These interviews are strongly preferred, but not required, to be in person.
6. Judges evaluate both the written and verbal submissions as compared to other nominees.
7. Scores of all nominees will be evaluated, discussed and calibrated by the Judges Committee (JC). The JC consists of all volunteer CISO peer group judges.
8. The Head of the Judges Committee (HJC) does not submit scores for any nominees.
9. The HJC will facilitate the conversation with the focus being on the four nominees with the highest scores.
10. If two nominees have the same score, the tiebreaker is decided by the nominee's participation in the program (quantity and engagement level).
11. The two nominees with the top scores will advance to the CEO evaluation round where the winner is selected.
12. CEOs will interview the two finalists and select the winner.
13. Tie-Breaker Rule: In the event that the CEOs deadlock, the finalist with the highest score wins. If both finalists have the same score, the HJC will select the winner.

PRIOR CISO OF THE YEAR WINNERS

- 2020 – Paige Adams, Global CISO, Zurich Insurance
- 2019 – Jill Rhodes, CISO, Option Care
- 2018 – Bradley Schaufenbuel, CISO & VP, Paylocity
- 2017 – Erik Decker, Chief Security & Privacy Officer, University of Chicago Medicine
- 2016 – Todd Fitzgerald, CISO, Grant Thornton International Ltd.
- 2015 – Kevin Novak, CISO and Technology Risk Officer, Northern Trust Bank
- 2014 – Arlan McMillan, CISO, Department of Innovation and Technology, City of Chicago
- 2013 – Jason Witty, CISO & SVP, US Bank

PROGRAM PARTNERS

