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MeriTalk Names 2022 Cyber Defenders Award Winners

31 Government and Industry recognized for their contributions to cyber programs in Federal IT

Alexandria, Va., May 10, 2022 – Today, MeriTalk announced the winners of the 2022 Cyber Defenders Awards. The awards recognize individuals in government and industry who drive innovation, ensure our nation’s cyber security, and who have made significant contributions across cyber programs in Federal IT.

“These changemakers are bringing innovation and leadership through their commitment to next-generation improvements in security,” said Caroline Boyd, principal, government programs at MeriTalk. “We’re pleased to be able to recognize those leading the charge to improve our nation’s cybersecurity.”

This year’s winners are listed below.

Government:

- **Bo Berlas**, Chief Information Security Officer, General Services Administration
- **Dawn Berry**, Federal Lead, Security Architecture and Engineering, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services
- **Rob Brown**, Chief Technology Officer, Citizenship and Immigration Services
- **Gerald Caron**, Chief Information Officer, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services
- **Sean Connelly**, TIC Program Manager and Senior Cybersecurity Architect, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
- **Scott Engelson**, Chief Information Security Officer, National Nuclear Security Administration
- **Richard Grabowski**, Acting Program Manager, Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation Program, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
- **Micah Haan**, IT Cybersecurity Specialist (DSCS Social Engineering Team Lead), Social Security Administration
- **Matt Harmon**, Director of Web Communications, Department of Homeland Security
- **Matt Hartman**, Deputy Executive Assistant Director of Cybersecurity, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security
- **Nnake Nweke**, Director, Supply Chain Risk Management, GSA, Federal Acquisition Service, Office of IT Category
- **Renata Spinks**, Assistant IT Director/Deputy CIO of Information, Command, Control, Communications, and Computers, U.S. Marine Corps
- **Vincent Sritapan**, Section Chief, Service Innovation, Cyber Quality Services Management Office, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

- **Laura Stanton**, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information Technology (IT) Category, General Services Administration, Federal Acquisition Service
- **Rob Wood**, Chief Information Security Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services

Industry:

- **Mike Baker**, Chief Security Information Officer, GDIT
- **Dana Barnes**, Senior Vice President, Public Sector, Palo Alto Networks
- **Sean Berg**, President of Governments and Critical Infrastructure, Forcepoint
- **Christine Carberry**, Vice President, Federal, RedSeal
- **Phil Fuster**, Vice President, Federal, Proofpoint
- **Matt Keller**, Vice President of Federal Services, GuidePoint Security
- **Robert Makheja**, President and CEO, MFGS
- **Stacey Meyer**, Vice President of Federal Operations, Attack IQ
- **Steve Orrin**, Federal Chief Technology Officer, Intel
- **Sudhakar Ramakrishna**, President and CEO, SolarWinds
- **Bill Rucker**, President, Trustwave Government Solutions
- **Jean Schaffer**, Federal Chief Technology Officer, Corelight, Inc
- **Drew Schnabel**, General Manager, Government Solutions, Zscaler
- **Miguel Sian**, Senior Vice President, Technology, Merlin Cyber
- **Mark Sincevich**, Federal Director, Illumio
- **Julie Starnes**, Vice President, Public Sector, Recorded Future

Award winners will be recognized at MeriTalk's [Cyber Central](#) and [Cyber Smoke](#) events on May 19. For more information on the awards, visit <https://www.meritalk.com/award/cyber-defenders-2022/>.

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