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Nominee's Information

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Justification for nomination. Include a brief description of the impact the individual has had on the awareness and training program within his or her organization. Examples include: creating an innovative awareness program training and that strengthens the cybersecurity of a federal department or agency, providing frequent status updates to senior management about awareness and training outcomes that reduce enterprise risks, and leading an awareness- and training-related program or project with limited resources.

It is with great enthusiasm that I nominate Greg Bastien for the FISSEA Innovator of the Year Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of Information Technology, Networking, and Cybersecurity. Greg has continually demonstrated technical excellence, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to securing and advancing critical systems.

Throughout his career, Greg has consistently demonstrated a proven track record of architecting and implementing secure, innovative technology solutions. Beyond technical expertise, Greg is an outstanding communicator who thrives in dynamic, high-pressure environments. One of Greg's most significant contributions is his leadership in managing the Industrial Control Systems (ICS) Cybersecurity/Resilience training program offered by the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (DHS/CISA). Under his stewardship, this program has grown in both reach and impact, empowering organizations across the country to enhance the security and resilience of critical infrastructure sectors. Through this work, Greg plays a direct role in helping to train the employees who are safeguarding the systems that underpin national security, economic stability, and public safety.

An outstanding example of Greg's innovative spirit and commitment to advancing cybersecurity training is the development of the highly acclaimed "ISCCape" rooms — immersive training scenarios designed to teach critical cyber and industrial control system concepts through interactive, hands-on problem-solving. These ISCCape rooms blend the excitement and challenge of traditional escape room puzzles with advanced cybersecurity and ICS learning objectives, creating a dynamic environment where participants of all skill levels can actively engage with real-world cyber-physical challenges.

Each ISCCape experience is meticulously crafted to incorporate both passive and active network discovery tools and techniques, network forensics, industrial control system troubleshooting, ladder logic interpretation, mixed reality puzzles, and sophisticated network and firewall configuration exercises. By fusing these technical components into an exciting, team-based activity, Greg has successfully created an unparalleled learning platform that bridges the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. Participants not only develop and refine critical technical skills but also build collaboration, communication, and problem-solving abilities — all essential competencies in today's cybersecurity landscape.

This innovative approach to training has significantly enhanced the accessibility and effectiveness of cybersecurity education, particularly in the critical infrastructure sectors. The ISCCape rooms demonstrate Greg's deep understanding of both technology and pedagogy, showcasing a rare ability to create engaging, impactful learning experiences that resonate with a wide range of audiences. Through initiatives like this, Greg's has elevated the standards for cybersecurity training, making a lasting impact on how future cybersecurity professionals are educated and prepared for the complex threats facing today's interconnected world.

In every sense, Greg represents the very best qualities of an information technology and cybersecurity leader — innovative, resilient, visionary, and deeply committed to service. For these reasons and many more, he is richly deserving of the FISSEA Innovator of the Year Award. I am honored to submit this nomination and to recognize the extraordinary impact Greg Bastien has had on the field and the broader community.

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