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Nominee's Information

Name of Nominee

Oz Alashe MBE

Nominee's Employing Organization

CybSafe

Nominee's Position and/or Title

Nominee's Email Address

Nominee's Phone Number

Q2

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.

Lt Col (Retd) Oz Alashe MBE is a former UK Special Forces Lieutenant Colonel and security industry leader who is focused on making society more secure by helping organizations more effectively address the human aspect of cybersecurity. He does this using his extensive experience and understanding in the areas of intelligence insight, complex human networks, and human cyber risk & resilience. He's also passionate about reducing societal threats to stability and security by making the most of opportunities presented through advancements in technology.

Oz chairs the Cyber Resilience Expert Advisory Group on behalf of the UK Government's Department of Science, Innovation, and Technology. He also sits on the Advisory Board for the Research Institute in Sociotechnical Cyber Security (RISCS). He's an Expert Fellow at several institutions, including the world-renowned Royal United Services Institute (RUSI). Oz was made an MBE in 2010 for his personal leadership in the most complex conflict environments.

He is at the forefront of many of the changes occurring in relation to the human aspect of cybersecurity. This includes shaping how technological developments such as AI, changes in the regulatory landscape, and the evolution of industry standards and frameworks combine to fundamentally transform the security awareness field.

He has consistently championed an evidence-based approach to security awareness, behavior, and culture interventions and is the driving force behind the IMPACT conference—a collaboration between CybSafe, NIST, MITRE, and the Cybersecurity Alliance that brings together the research, practitioner, and policy communities to shine a spotlight on research on the human aspect of cyber security.

Oz has also pioneered the development of SebDB, the world's first and most comprehensive security behavior database. It lists every individual security behavior known to reduce employee cyber risk. SebDB is an open-source research initiative that is free for all security practitioners to access and use.

Here's a bit more information on the Security Behavior Database (SebDB), a free, open-source database that lists every security behavior.

And here's a short animated explainer video: <https://youtu.be/fo9UM6wce3U>

Through Oz's work, he is driving an ever-increasing industry focus on security behaviors and organizational risk, helping elevate the discussion beyond awareness training, education, and communications. His work supports the evolution of the field and the reduction of risk for thousands of organizations around the world. While international, his work is still relevant to our governmental cybersecurity awareness efforts.

Q3

Person making this nomination:

Name	Dr. Loyce Best Pailen
Organization	University of Maryland Global Campus
Position or Title	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

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