NIST Small Business Cybersecurity Quarterly Community of Interest Call

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- Name
- Title
- Organization
- If you're a small business owner, employee, ecosystem partner, managed services provider, etc.

NIST SMB Cybersecurity COI

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Convening companies, trade associations, and others who can share business insights, expertise, challenges, and perspectives to guide our work and assist NIST ***to better meet the cybersecurity needs of small businesses****.*

Over 22,000
individuals have already joined the full COI since March 6, 2023.

Quarterly meetings
to share resources, updates, host guest speakers, and have robust discussion.

Upcoming Meetings:
- November 10, 2026
- February 10, 2027
- June 10, 2027
- August 10, 2027

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NIST SMB Cybersecurity Resources

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SMALL BUSINESS CYBERSECURITY CORNER

- Cybersecurity Basics
- NIST Cybersecurity Framework
- Quick Start Guides
- Events
- Guidance by Sector +
- Guidance by Topic +
- Training +
- Videos
- Get Engaged +
- Cybersecurity @ NIST

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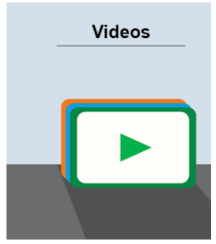

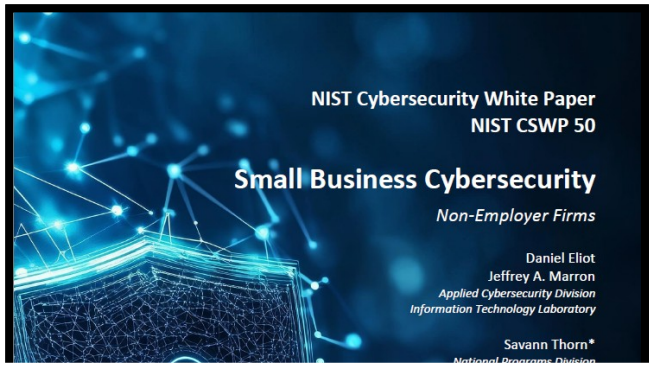

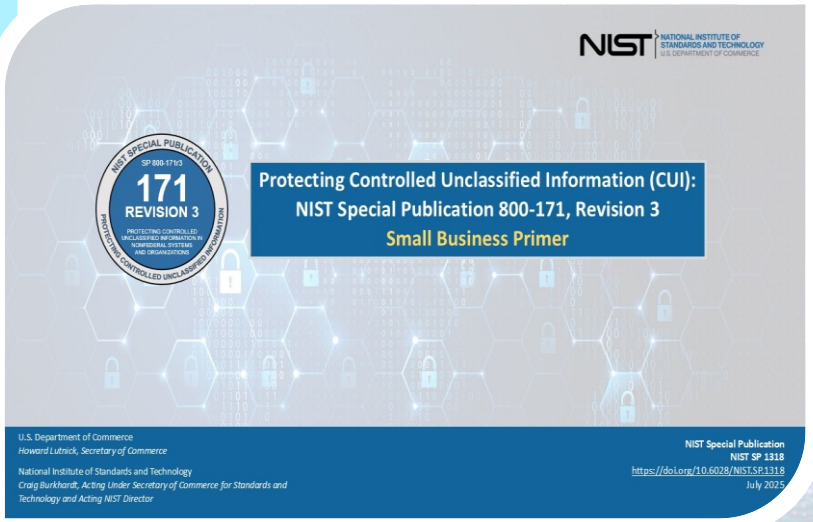





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Finding Small Business Cybersecurity Support



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This session is a continuation of discussion

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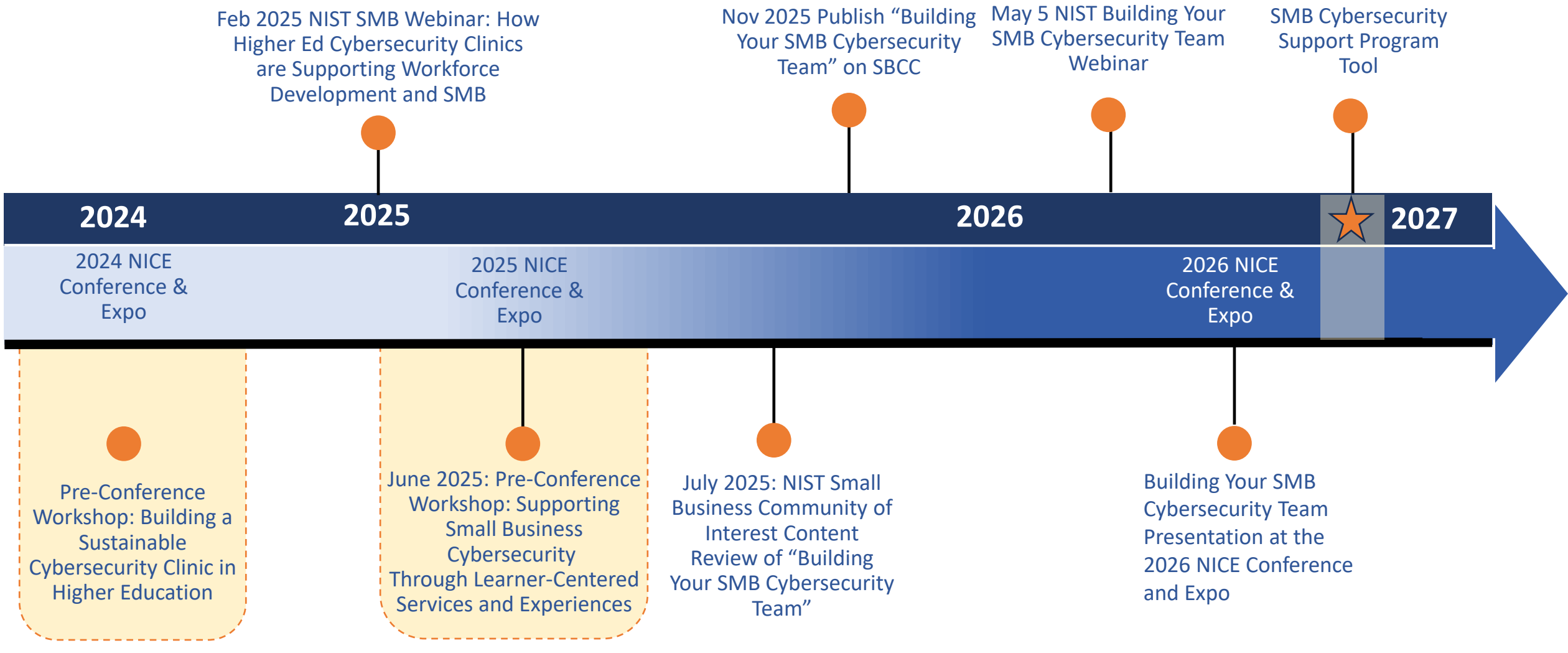

Local Cyber Champions: Where Workforce Development and SMB Support Coalesce

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Model	Example(s)
Cybersecurity Clinics	• Louisiana State University Cybersecurity Clinic • University of Nevada, Las Vegas Cybersecurity Clinic
Student-led SOCS	• Metropolitan State University of Denver Security Operations Center
Professional Services	• Purdue University CyberTAP
SMB Cyber Centers and Support	• Del Mar College Cyber Center • Michigan SBDC Small Business, Big Threat
Apprenticeship programs	• CyberSC Apprenticeship Program
Internships	• George Mason University/Commonwealth Cyber Initiative Cyber Start-Up Internship Program • Carolina Cyber Network Cybersecurity Internship Program

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- Guidance by Sector
- Guidance by Topic
  - All Purpose Guides
  - Building Your Team
  - Cloud Security
  - Cyber Insurance
  - Cybersecurity Risks
  - Government Contractor Resources
  - Developing Secure Products
  - Employee Awareness
  - Multi-Factor Authentication
  - Phishing
  - Privacy
  - Ransomware
  - Responding to a Cyber Incident
  - Securing Data & Devices
  - Securing Network Connections
  - Supply Chain
- Training
- Videos
- Join a Community of Interest
- Cybersecurity Support

Building Your Small Business's Cybersecurity Team: From In-House to Outsourcing



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View this NIST webinar recording to learn more about how to build your small business cybersecurity team.

View a PDF of the slides.

Learn more about the event.

As small businesses have become more reliant upon data and technology to operate and scale a modern business, cybersecurity has become a fundamental risk that must be addressed alongside other business risks (e.g., financial risks, natural disasters, competitors). With the dynamic nature of cybersecurity, it takes constant vigilance and continuous improvement to effectively manage cybersecurity risks. As a business owner or operator, you might not be a cybersecurity expert. That's OK. However, a key component of managing and reducing cybersecurity risks and integrating good cybersecurity practices throughout your organization is making sure you have a cybersecurity-ready team. The composition of this team will vary based upon your budget, current staff capabilities, risk level, cybersecurity or privacy requirements, etc., and can vary from a single in-house cybersecurity role (e.g., hiring new staff or upskilling existing), to an entire internal cybersecurity team, to external vendor or community support—or a mix of all the above.

For small businesses who are often confronted with limited resources, knowing how to get started and finding the necessary resources can be particularly challenging. Provided below are common questions, ideas, and resources for small businesses who are looking to start building their cybersecurity team. The page and provides ideas and resources for getting started. Additional resources and content will be added in the future.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I recognize I need to address cybersecurity risks. Where can I begin?
2. I can't afford to hire a dedicated staff member to focus on cybersecurity. What are some options?
3. Are there college or university programs that support small businesses with their cybersecurity?
4. I understand that everyone in my business can benefit from greater cybersecurity awareness. What are resources for providing cybersecurity awareness training to my staff?
5. I'm ready to hire a new employee to help meet my cybersecurity needs. How can I get started?
6. I'm not sure where to start. How do I choose from the options above?

https://www.nist.gov/itl/smallbusinesscyber/guidance-topic/building-your-team

Cybersecurity Support Programs Finder

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AK	Alaska Small Business Development Center	https://aksbdc.org/2026/04/technology-ai-cybersecurity-in-alaska/
AL	University of Alabama Cybersecurity Clinic	https://ida.culverhouse.ua.edu/initiatives/cyber/
AR	Arkansas Economic Development Commission Manufacturing Solutions (MEP National Network)	https://www.mfgsolutions.org/services/cybersecurity/
AZ	The University of Arizona Cybersecurity Clinic	https://cyberacademy.arizona.edu/arizona-cybersecurity-clinic
AZ	Arizona Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP National Network)	https://www.azcommerce.com/programs/az-mep/business-solutions/cybersecurity-cmmc-compliance/
AZ	SecureAZ	https://secureaz.org/
CA	San Diego Cyber Clinic	https://sdccoe.org/cyber-clinic/
CO	Manufacturers Edge (MEP National Network)	https://manufacturersedge.com/solution/data-technology/
CT	CONNSTEP (MEP National Network)	https://www.connstep.org/compliance-risk-management
DE	Delaware Small Business Development Center DatAssured Program	https://delawaresbdc.org/data-assured/

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Have a Program to Add?

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- **To be considered for inclusion on the list submit a request to** smallbizsecurity@nist.gov.
- Include program name, host institution, city and state, and URL.
- Programs must be hosted by **non-profit institutions** and have **dedicated services** helping their region's small business community proactively manage cybersecurity risks.

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NIST CYBERSECURITY WHITE PAPER 50:

SMALL BUSINESS CYBERSECURITY: NON-EMPLOYER FIRMS



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SMB Protecting CUI Series

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Protecting CUI Small Business Resources

These small business resources are designed to help small businesses get started with NIST's suite of protecting CUI guidelines. They provide an overview of foundational concepts, tips for getting started, helpful resources, frequently asked questions, and more.

Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information, NIST SP 800-171r3 Small Business Primer

Assessing Security Requirements for CUI, NIST SP 800-171Ar3 Small Business Primer

Videos:



Webinar: Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) in Nonfederal Systems, overview of NIST SP 800-171r3 Small Business Prime



Webinar: Assessing Security Requirements for Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), overview of NIST SP 800-171Ar3 Small Business Primer



Security Requirements
(The What)

Are We Effectively Implementing the Requirements?
(The How)

https://www.nist.gov/itl/smallbusinesscyber/guidance-topic/protecting-cui

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Featured Open NIST Comment Periods

- Guide to Operational Technology (OT) Security (Comments due November 30, 2026)
- Information Security Handbook: A Guide for Executive Leadership (Comments due December 4, 2026)
- Enterprise Impact of Information and Communications Technology Risk: Governing and Managing ICT Risk Programs Within an Enterprise Risk Portfolio (Comments due December 7, 2026)

For an exhaustive list of publications open for public comment, visit:
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Discussion and Wrap-Up

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