



NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CYBERSECURITY STUDIES (NICS)

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A National Problem

- The Nation needs greater cybersecurity awareness
- The US work force lacks cyber security experts
- Many cybersecurity training programs exist but lack consistency among programs
- Potential employees lack information about skills and abilities for cybersecurity jobs
- Resources exist for teachers and students about cybersecurity but are difficult to find
- Cybersecurity Career development and scholarships are available but uncoordinated
- Lack of communication between government, private industry, and academia

NICE was established to create a cybersecurity education program for the nation to use sound cyber practices that will enhance the nation's security.



NICE Components





NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS



FORMAL CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION



CYBERSECURITY WORKFORCE STRUCTURE



CYBERSECURITY WORKFORCE TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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NICS is an implementation tool for the NICE efforts.

Mission

Provide a national resource for the American public for cybersecurity awareness, education and training resources

Goals

- 1. Build a national resource to elevate cybersecurity awareness and effect a change in the American public to adopt a culture of cyberspace security.
- 2. Promote cybersecurity education from kindergarten through the post graduate level to nurture the future cybersecurity workforce.
- 3. Guide the development of cybersecurity standards, training, and professional development to empower and advance cybersecurity personnel.
- 4. Manage NICS program through NICS Program Management Office (PMO).



National Outreach







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Cyber Education Resources













Cybersecurity Training and Professional Development







Three Elements of the NICS Approach



Comprised of representatives from government, academia and industry, the advisory board provides recommendations to NICS for the development of cybersecurity awareness, education and career training.



Enables federal, state, local and tribal government employees access online training resources that are optimized for cybersecurity workforce development.



WEB PORTAL

Makes cybersecurity information and resources more readily available to the workforce and promotes greater collaboration among cybersecurity educators and employers.



NICS Advisory Board

An advisory board composed of stakeholders with training and education focus from each of the target sectors.







Government

Federal

State

Local

Tribal

Academia

K-12

Colleges

Universities

Industry

Critical Infrastructure

Vendors



Virtual University







STATE LOCAL TRIBAL **VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT**







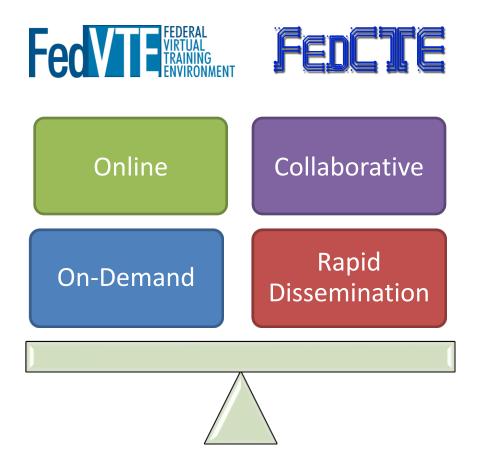
Virtual University

Presented by: Ben Scribner



2-programs developed in parallel

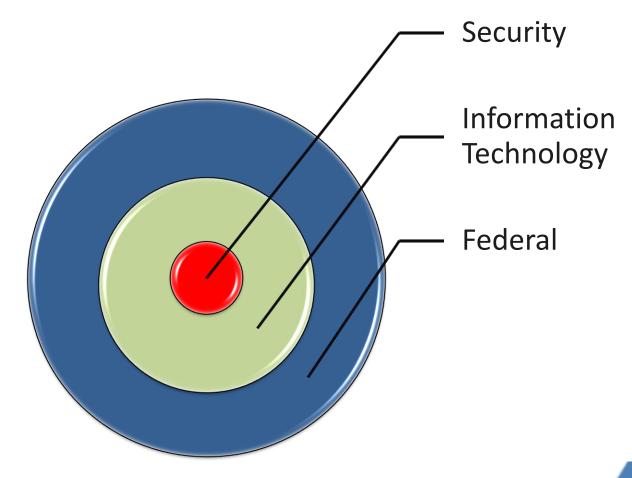
To supplement role-based Federal IT security training





Audience

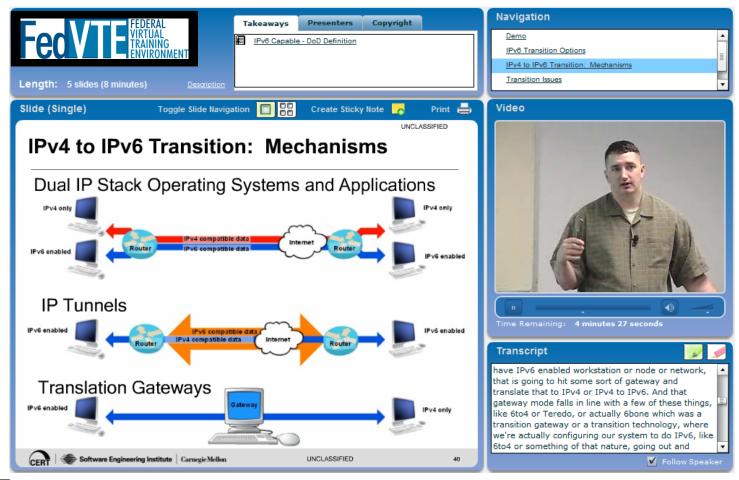
Personnel who protect U.S. Federal information & IT systems





Virtual Training Environment

Online, on-demand IT security training



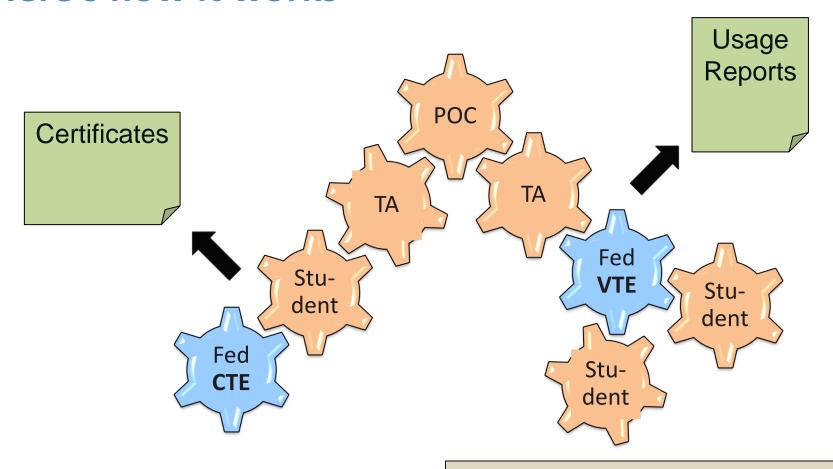


Cybersecurity Training Events

Interactive, experiential training for Federal cybersecurity workforce



Here's how it works



POC = department/agency point of contact TA = department/agency Training Advisor



Homework

Help us establish POCs and TAs at your Department or Agency.

- CIO or CISO must nominate a POC
 - Nomination email should be sent to FedVTE@dhs.gov
 - Include POCs full name and email address
- Get organized! Establish TAs who can...
 - Identify IT security personnel
 - Authorize training for personnel
 - Run reports



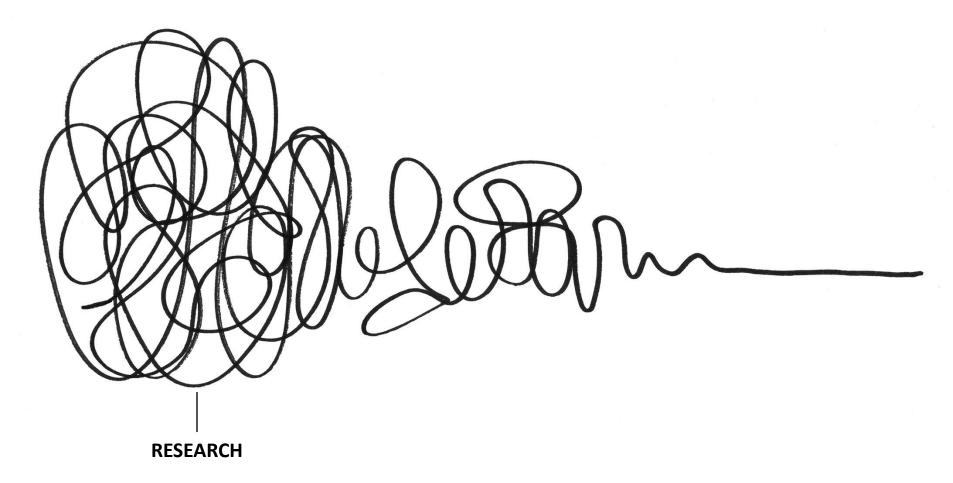
NICS Portal

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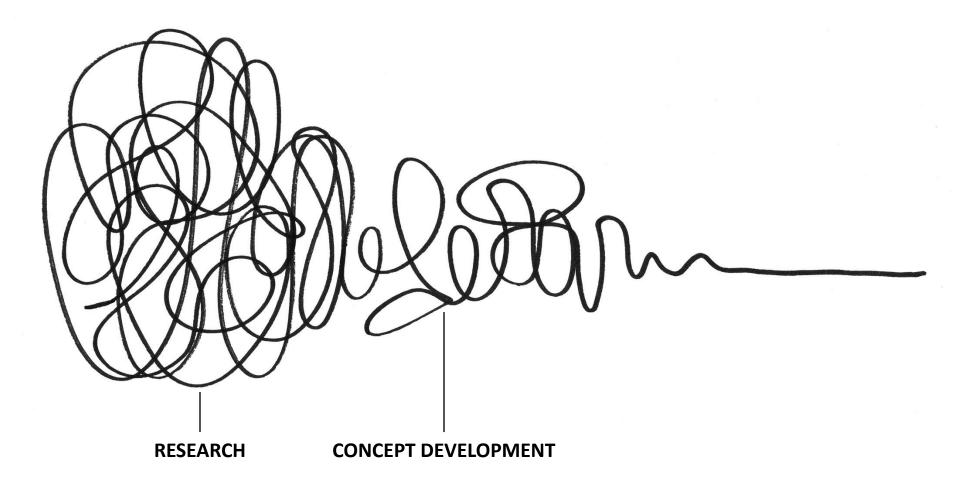




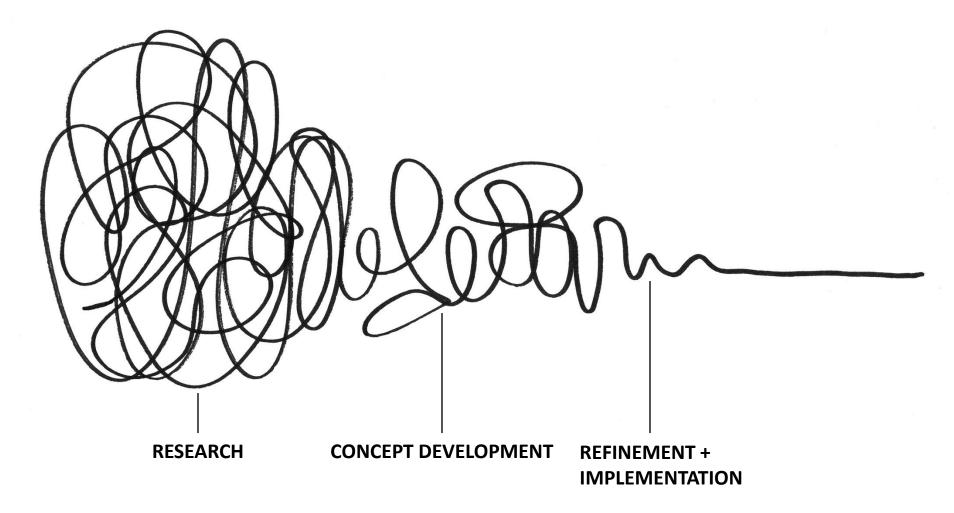




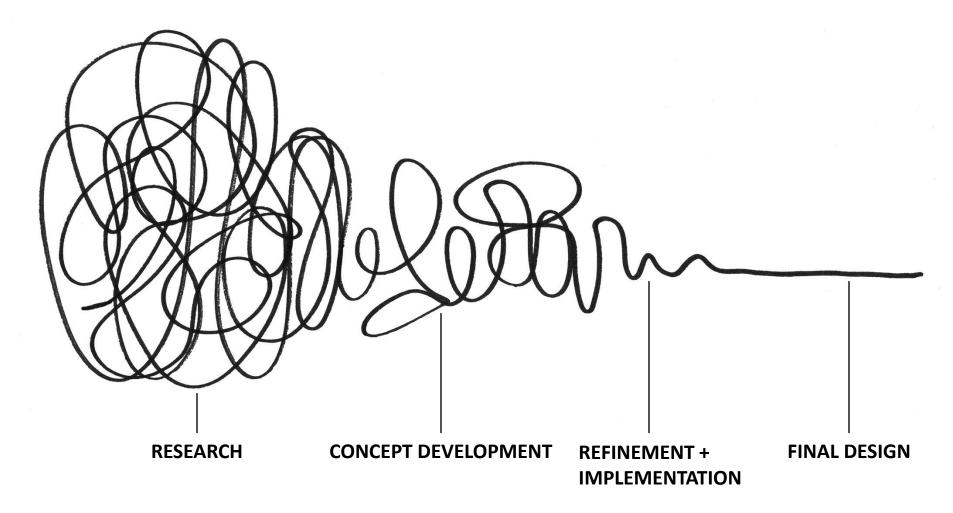




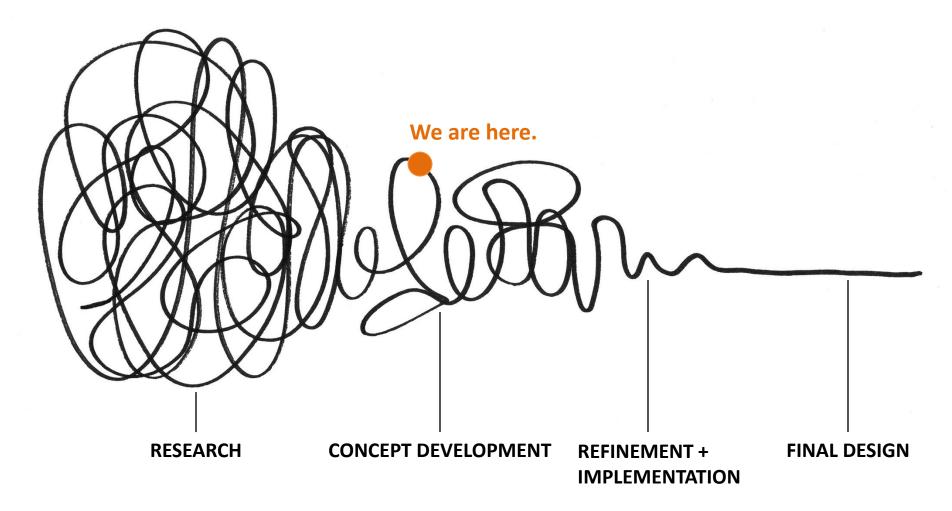
















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Contextual Interviews

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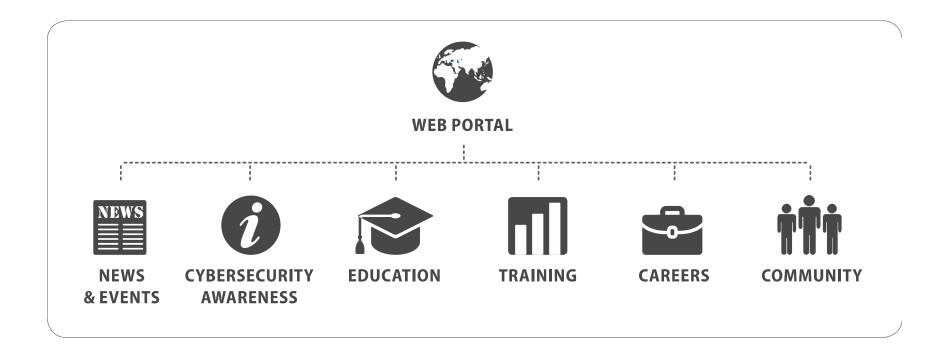
FINAL DESIGN

Deployment

Functional Website



Site Overview





Personas







Mason Jones



Alicia Lippert



Peter Mitchell

- represent the intended visitors of the portal
- synthesize research into core needs
- clarify how the system might be used



Julie Benson

Cybersecurity Workforce Entrant



Age: 21

Job Title: College Student - Junior

Major Responsibilities: Completing her degree

Education: Penn State University

Family Status: Single

Quote

Julie wanted to supplement her academic career with classes in cybersecurity since her degree program did not offer this topic in the disciplinary core.

"After having my Amazon account hacked and my password compromised, I wanted to make information systems that would prevent this from happening to anyone else."

Environment

Spending most of her time on a college campus, Julie lives in a dormitory. She has many friends and is a member of a sorority. She does her work and personal computing via the computer labs and her laptop in her room using a Dell with Firefox via wireless connection. She is technically savvy.

Key Attributes

Julie is a bright, initiative-driven person with a strong work ethic. Her belief systems and morals are not often discussed; she is rather private.

She is apt and affable. Her conduct is very reasoned and she is extremely likable.



Mason Jones

Information Technology Support Specialist



Age: 28

Job Title: Information Technology Support Specialist

Major Responsibilities: Provide technical support

Education: University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Family Status: Married

Quote

Mason wanted to transition from technical support into vulnerability analysis, but could not afford graduate school. He is interested in vulnerability analysis due to the multiple times he was involved in incident response of a certain protocol.

"I believe if we were more proactive in testing software before release we could prevent more breaches."

Environment

Mason works for Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He is married and has many social activities related to his church.

He does his work on a "managed" machine and personal computing via his home laptop. He is currently taking courses on IP6 via computer-based training on his laptop at home.

Key Attributes

Being a veteran, Mason is eager to receive continuing education credits and take advantage of any training in the area, in which he is interested and enjoys.

He is an active member of his church community and helps people when they have computer issues. He is well-liked and well-respected both at work and in his personal life.



Alicia Lippert

Cybersecurity Workforce Entrant



Age: 41

Job Title: Business Analyst

Major Responsibilities: Completing her degree

Education: BS, Ohio State University

Family Status: Married

Quote

Alicia wants to advance her career by going for a graduate degree in cybersecurity.

"I'm looking for a trusted source of information that will show me possible education and career options, as well as providing a place where I can post questions to knowledgeable experts."

Environment

Alicia is a 41-year-old business analyst. She has a Bachelor's degree in business and 9 years of professional experience in addition to a strong knowledge of computers.

She enjoys working for A1 Secure Network Systems, Inc., but she feels that there is more room for advancement in the field of cybersecurity.

Key Attributes

While doing some research online, Alicia discovered that there are many different ways she could prepare for a position in the field of cybersecurity. But which ones should she focus on?

Her biggest problem is finding one place where she can get accurate and current information.



Peter Mitchell

Member of the Government Workforce



Age: 39

Job Title: Information Technology Specialist

Major Responsibilities: Network manager for FAA

Education: BS, Civil Engineering

Family Status: Married

Quote

Witnessing many incidents from his network admin perch, Peter believes security policy and education can lead to less overall security incidents.

"Security starts with our users. Until they realize the large role they play in our network security, we will continue to suffer from attacks."

Environment

Peter spends 8-5 in an FAA office with a large FAA datacenter down the hall. He uses his FAA-issued desktop for general office apps, along with another dedicated laptop for network troubleshooting, etc.

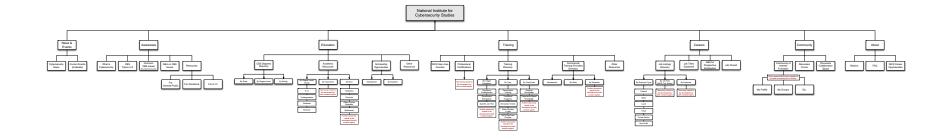
He's competent on general IT concepts, but not from a security perspective, so he is looking to improve his skills in this area.

Key Attributes

A retired Navy pilot, Peter's interest in complex systems has led him to the IT field. He's working to improve his skills in the area of computer and network security. He logs many hours per day behind a system doing routine sys-admin activities, but he is interested in improving skills in network architecture, security engineering, etc.



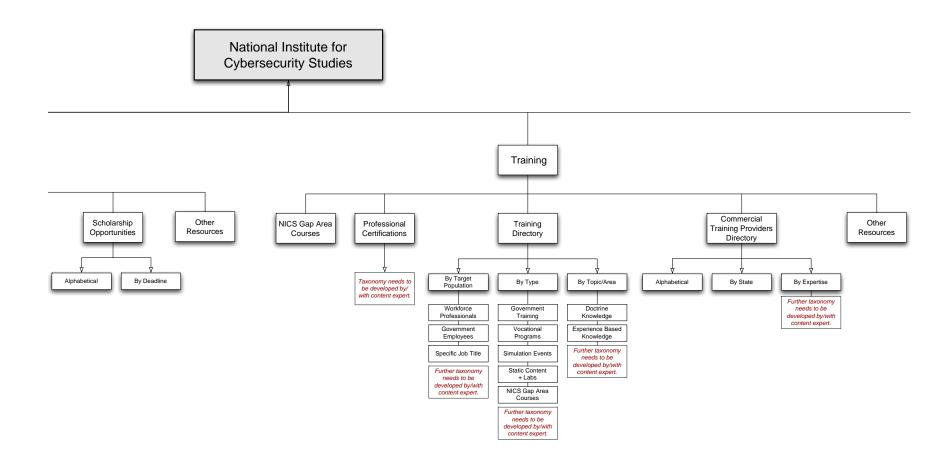
Information Architecture



maps out the information structure of the portal



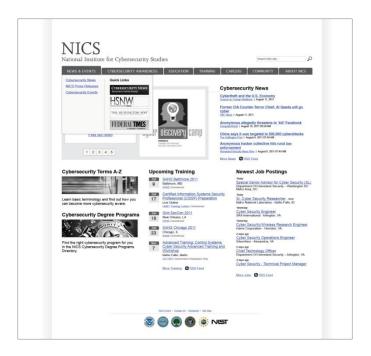
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Wireframes



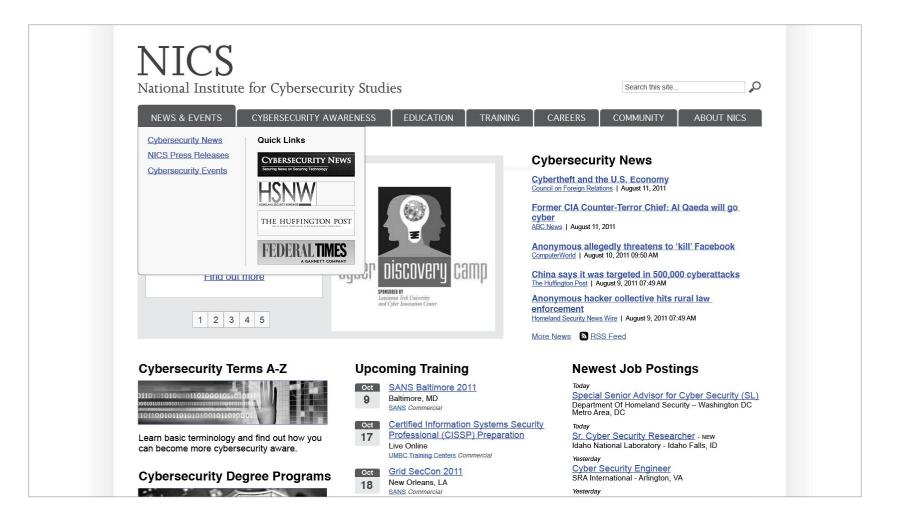




- communicate initial design ideas
- focus on content and structure, not visual design
- prioritize content areas on a page



Wireframes





Prototype Demo





Usability Testing

We invite you to interact with the NICS Portal prototype, help us test-drive it and provide feedback that will further the site's development. Your input is very valuable to us.

Where	When	Length of Session
NICS Booth	Wednesday & Thursday	5 - 10 minutes
	10 - 11 am	
	12 – 2 pm	
	5 – 6 pm	



NICS Project Timeline

FY 2011

FY 2012

FY 2013

- Validate portal requirements and design
- Portal mockup and start of development

- Establish NICS PMO
- Assemble Advisory Board
- Portal operational

- Pilot State, Local, and Tribal Virtual Training Environment
- Expand portal content partnerships
- Continuously update portal content



30 minute break...

- Please visit the NICS booth and participate in the usability testing.
- After the break, breakout sessions! This is your opportunity to provide input to make this tool work for you and your organization.
- Reach us after the conference and in the future with the NICS Mailbox: NICS@dhs.gov



Breakout Sessions - 30 minutes

4 Breakout Groups

- "Awareness" lead by Roy Siple
- "Education" lead by Michelle Young
- "Training" lead by Susan Morris
- "Career" lead by Chelsea Pickens

Please join the group that you would most like to contribute to.



Summary & Wrap Up

