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**Q1**

Nominee's Information

Name of Nominee

**William D. Cosner**

Nominee's Employing Organization

**Defense Contract Management Agency, Defense Industrial Base Cybersecurity Assessment Center**

Nominee's Position and/or Title

Nominee's Email Address

Nominee's Phone Number

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## 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.

Mr. William Cosner's outstanding contribution to cybersecurity innovation manifests in the creation of the Public 800-171 Self-Assessment Database. This free tool is a testament to his expertise and commitment to advancing cybersecurity measures for public organizations, irrespective of their size or familiarity with the stringent cybersecurity requirements addressed in the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-171, 'Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Systems and Organizations.'

Mr. Cosner's database stands as a pioneering innovative solution, efficiently guiding users through the intricate web of the 110 cybersecurity requirements detailed in NIST Special Publication 800-171. The tool's user-centric design, derived from Mr. Cosner's extensive experience in information security, cybersecurity, and customer service support, empowers users to navigate complex security objectives with ease.

The brilliance of this database lies in its transformation of 110 requirements into 320 easily digestible 'sound-bites,' providing users with a clear view of each objective and allowing seamless documentation of their assessment of compliance. The tool's automatic scoring system simplifies the determination of compliance status in accordance with NIST SP 800-171, thereby streamlining the identification of gaps and necessary cyber hygiene measures for implementation.

What sets Mr. Cosner's innovation apart is not only its effectiveness but also its broader impact on organizational practices. Feedback from users attests to its role in identifying security weaknesses, facilitating resource allocation changes, and fostering a culture of cybersecurity awareness across various sectors.

Moreover, in a landscape where publicly available tools for cybersecurity self-assessment are scarce, Mr. Cosner's database stands as a beacon of accessibility and reliability. Its impact extends beyond individual organizations, aligning seamlessly with the goals outlined in the National Cybersecurity Strategy Implementation Plan (NCSIP).

Mr. Cosner's commitment to excellence is evident in his relentless pursuit of user feedback and continuous improvement. His database remains unmatched, serving as an invaluable resource for corporations to fortify their cyber hygiene practices and safeguard sensitive information.

In summary, Mr. William Cosner's unparalleled dedication and innovative approach have culminated in the creation of a unique tool that simplifies and enhances compliance with NIST SP 800-171 cybersecurity requirements. His visionary work has not only raised the bar for cybersecurity assessment tools but has also contributed significantly to strengthening cybersecurity practices across organizations.

Publicly Releasable Resources Tool link for the Public 800-171 Self-Assessment Database: <https://www.dcm.mil/DIBCAC/>

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**Q3**

Person making this nomination:

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**Q4**

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