FISSEA, founded in 1987, is an organization run by and for federal government information security professionals to assist federal agencies in strengthening their employee cybersecurity awareness & training programs.

**PURPOSE**

- Elevate the general level of information security knowledge for the federal government and federally related workforce.

- Serve as a professional forum for the exchange of information and improvement of information security awareness and training programs throughout the federal government.

- Provide professional development opportunities to FISSEA members.

- Bring together federal information security and awareness professionals through seasonal forums, contests and awards, and an annual conference.
The FISSEA Planning Committee develops the agendas for the annual conference and forums and conducts the annual Innovator of the Year Award and Security Awareness and Training Contest.

Interested in joining the Planning Committee? Email us at FISSEA@nist.gov.

This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the strategic planning, building, and management of innovative cybersecurity awareness and training programs. Nominees can come from the public or private sectors, but the FISSEA Innovator Award is for an individual who has made significant contributions benefiting the public sector.

To achieve its purpose, FISSEA may host a variety of events throughout the year. Examples of events include in-person and hybrid conferences, online forums, and special event webinars. The FISSEA Annual Conference is the signature event. FISSEA events are open to the public and recorded, then shared on the FISSEA website, when possible.

This contest provides the opportunity to showcase awareness and training items used as a part of cybersecurity programs in federal government departments and agencies. The contest features eight categories from FISSEA’s key areas of Awareness and Training. FISSEA Contest entries are judged by a panel of FISSEA Committee members and the People’s Choice Award is voted on by the public via an online poll.