

National Cyber Exercise and
Planning Program (NCEPP)

CYBER EXERCISES

**5th Annual Idaho Cybersecurity Interdependencies
Summit – April 29, 2019**



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Why Exercise?



IMPROVE
continuously



IDENTIFY
gaps in policies, plans,
and procedures



TEST
response
capabilities



SUSTAIN
core capabilities

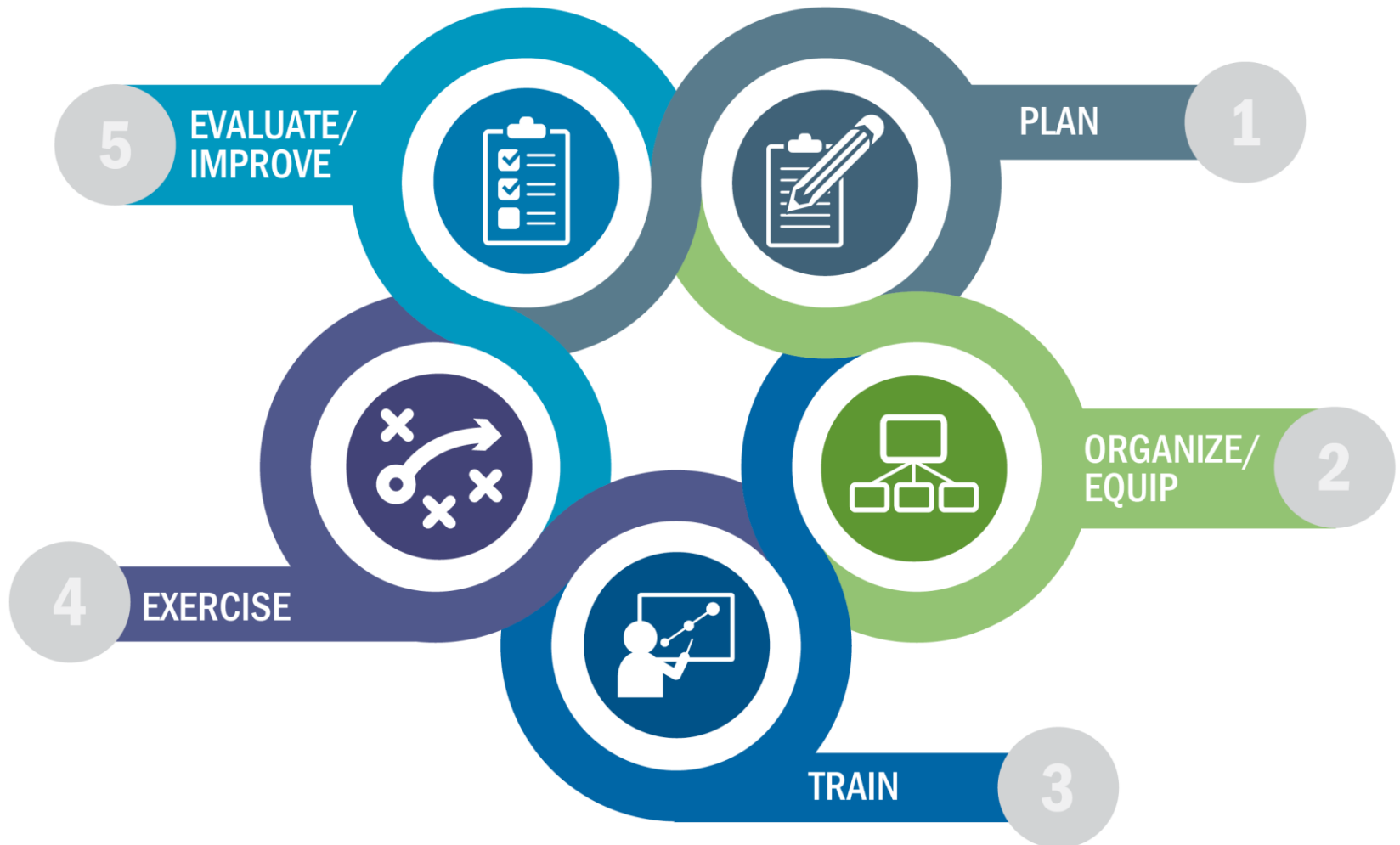


ESTABLISH
and enhance
partnerships



EXAMINE
ways we work with
the entire community

PREPAREDNESS CYCLE



Cyber Exercises are Unique from Physical Exercises



ALL-HAZARDS EXERCISES

Well-established exercise culture, response plans, and authorities

Focused on incident response

Rehearsal of known coordination processes among first responders, largely from the public sector

Limited or variable technical content that is easily modeled

Geographic scope is well understood



CYBER EXERCISES

Cyber exercise culture is still maturing

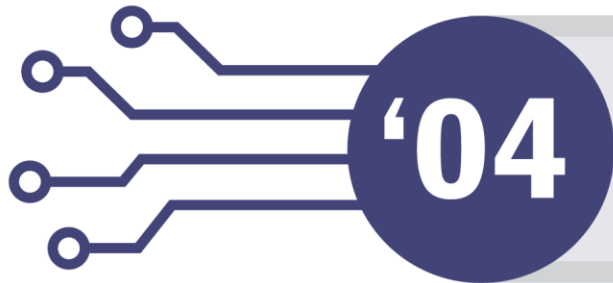
Assess pre-incident detection capabilities, response efforts and plans, and post-attack recovery

Discovery of complex interdependencies, constituencies, and decision processes from cross-sector missions and disciplines

Involvement of highly technical players requires technical scenarios to enhance realism; simulations difficult to model

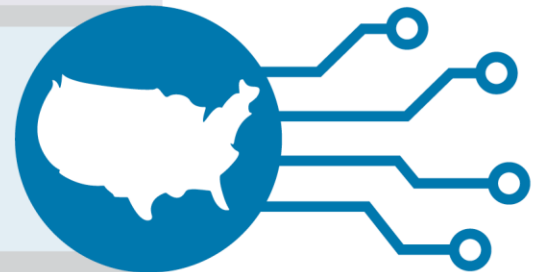
Geographic scope is unlimited due to distributed nature of cyber infrastructure

About NCEPP



Established in 2004

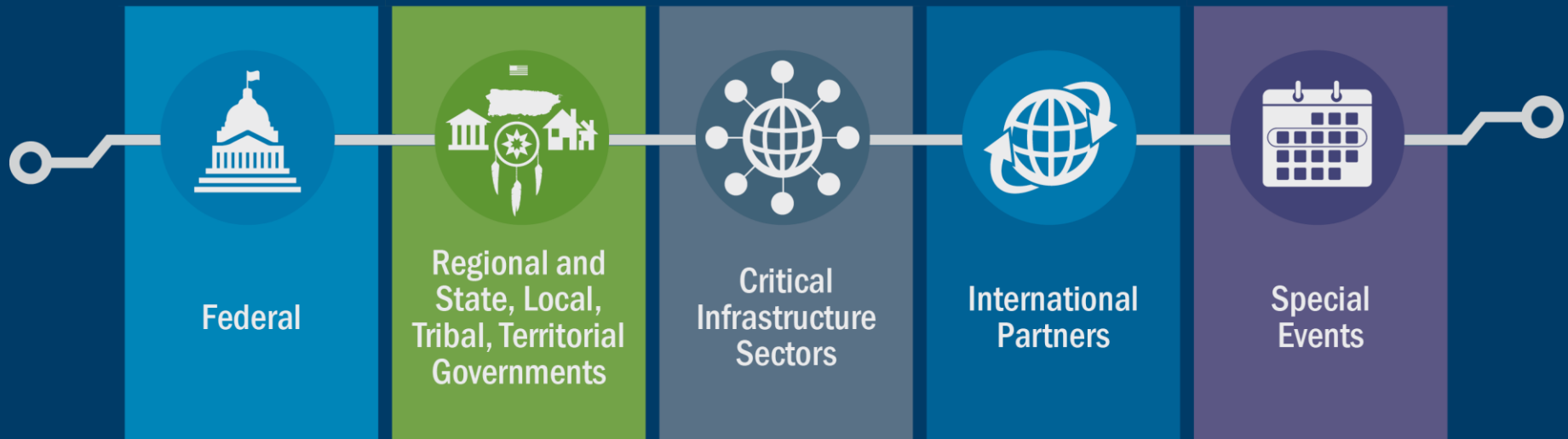
National-level, DHS-sponsored
cyber exercise program



Comprehensive cyber exercise
planning support and conduct

**Increase cyber preparedness and resilience
across the entire spectrum of DHS stakeholders**

Who We Work With





WHY US?

DEEP EXPERTISE IN CYBER EXERCISES

Multi-disciplinary team

Long-standing involvement in national-level cyber exercise events

Broad experience with a wide range of stakeholders

REACHBACK CAPABILITY TO OPERATIONAL NCCIC SMEs

Engineering-level expertise with systems and technologies

Access to Liaison Officers

Ongoing awareness of emerging cyber threats; near real-time knowledge of cyber incidents

ACCESS TO EXTENSIVE SCENARIO LIBRARY

Collection of scenarios developed across various stakeholders groups

Vetted through successful exercise conduct



National Cyber
Exercise Events



End-to-End Cyber Exercise
Planning and Conduct



Cyber Exercise Consulting
and SME Support

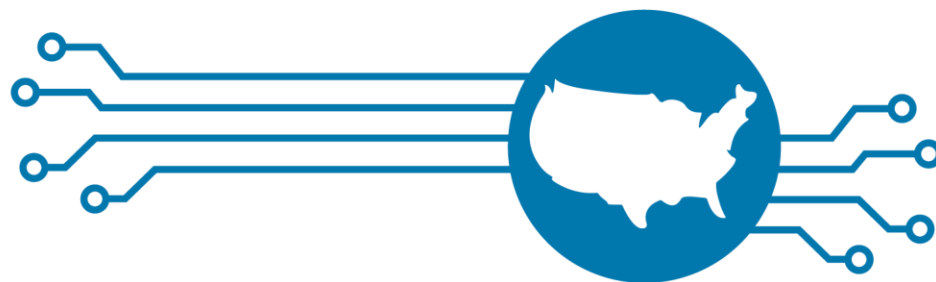


Cyber Planning



Off-the-Shelf Resources

NCEPP Offerings



NCEPP OFFERINGS:

National Cyber Exercise Events

CYBER STORM

Flagship, biennial exercise series with extensive state and critical infrastructure participation

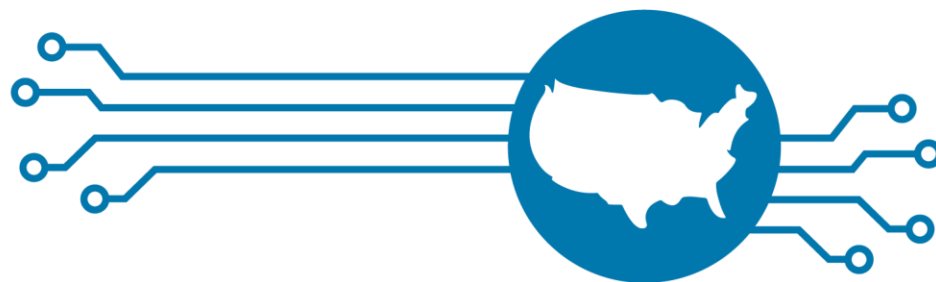
A forum for participants to:

- » Simulate discovery of and response to a large-scale, coordinated cyber attack impacting critical infrastructure; and
- » Exercise, evaluate, and improve processes, procedures, interactions, and information sharing mechanisms within their organization or community of interest.

Cyber Storm 2020

FOCUS: TBD

INFORMATION: CyberStorm@hq.dhs.gov



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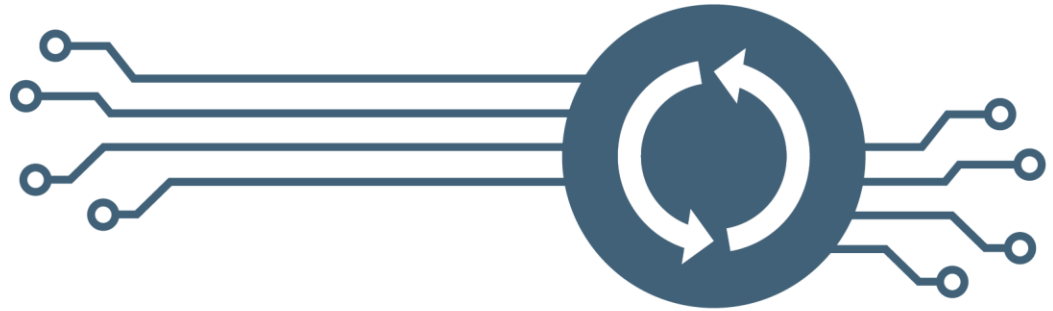
National Cyber Exercise Events

TABLETOP THE VOTE EXERCISE

Tabletop the Vote 2019: National Election Cyber Exercise

Second annual three day Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) where federal, state and local election officials, and private vendors exercise to identify best practices and areas for improvement in cyber incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.

INFORMATION: CEP@hq.dhs.gov



NCEPP Offerings

End-to-End Cyber Exercise Planning & Conduct

NCEPP plans, executes, and supports the full spectrum of cyber exercises

Planning Meetings

Documentation Development

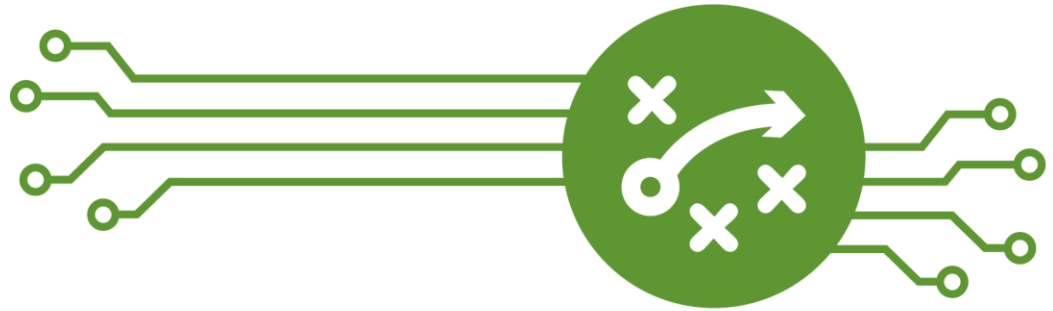
Scenario Building

Facilitation/Exercise Control

After Action Report

Discussion-
based

Operations-
based



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Cyber Exercise Consulting & SME Support

NCEPP offers cyber exercise SMEs to consult on exercise design and development

Scenario Review

Participation in Planning Calls

Exercise Controller/Observer Support



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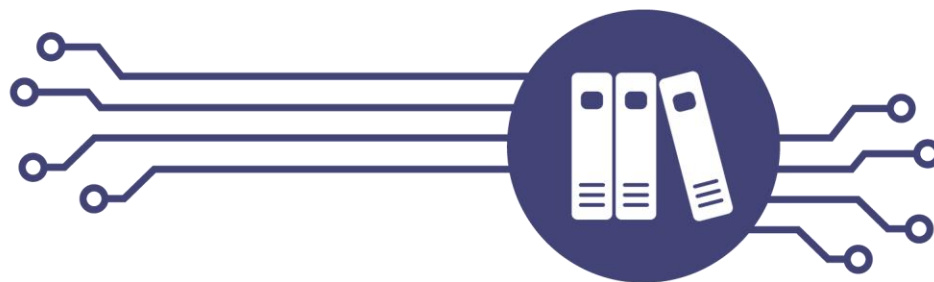
Cyber Planning

NCEPP assists in developing and revising integrated cyber plans

Cyber Planning Workshops

- » Workshop facilitation
- » Plan validation exercises

SME Support for Ongoing Planning Efforts



NCEPP OFFERINGS:

Off-the-Shelf Resources

Scenario Library

Cyber Tabletop Exercise Package

Virtual Tabletop Exercise



QUESTIONS?

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CYBERSECURITY ADVISOR PROGRAM



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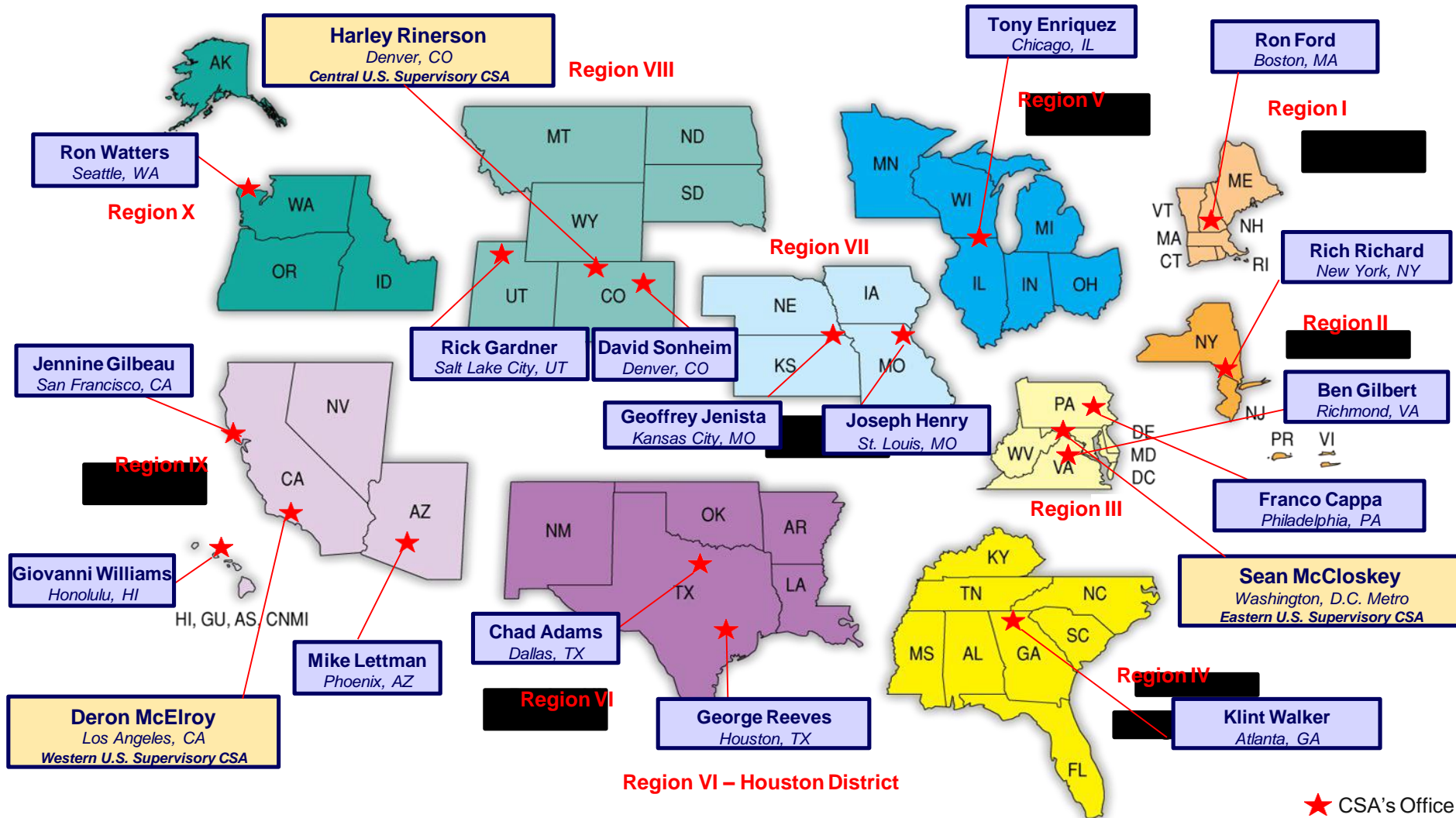
Cybersecurity Advisor Program

CISA mission: Lead the collaborative national effort to strengthen the security and resilience of America's critical infrastructure

In support of that mission: Cybersecurity Advisors (CSAs):

- **Assess:** Evaluate critical infrastructure cyber risk.
- **Promote:** Encourage best practices and risk mitigation strategies.
- **Build:** Initiate, develop capacity, and support cyber communities-of-interest and working groups.
- **Educate:** Inform and raise awareness.
- **Listen:** Collect stakeholder requirements.
- **Coordinate:** Bring together incident support and lessons learned.

CSA Deployed Personnel



DHS Offers a Wide Range of Cyber Resources for Critical Infrastructure

- National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC)
 - US-CERT Operations Center
 - **Remote / On-Site Assistance**
 - **Malware Analysis**
 - **Incident Response Teams**
 - ICS-CERT Operations Center
 - **ICS-CERT Malware Lab**
 - **Incident Response Teams**
 - Cyber Exercise Program
- Cyber Security Advisors
- Protective Security Advisors
- Preparedness Activities
 - **National Cyber Awareness System**
 - **Vulnerability Notes Database**
 - **Security Publications**
 - **Technical Threat Indicators**
 - **Cybersecurity Training**
 - **Information Products and Recommended Practices**
- Control Systems Evaluations
 - **Cyber Security Evaluation Tool**
 - **ICS Design Architecture Reviews / Network Architecture Analysis**
- Other Cyber Security Evaluations
 - **Cyber Resilience Review**
 - **Cyber Infrastructure Survey Tool**
 - **Cyber Hygiene service**
 - **Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (aka “Pen” Test)**



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