

2022 Chicago Area Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) of the Year Award Winners

Chicago, Illinois Oct 12, 2022 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - 2022 CHICAGO AREA CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER (CISO) OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

The Chicago-area Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) of the Year Program, in association with the Chicago chapters of the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP), ISACA, FBI-InfraGard, Information Systems Security Association (ISSA), Chicago FIRST, and the Society for Information Management (SIM), is proud to announce the winners of the 2022 Chicago-area Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) of the Year award:

MIDCAP Category Winner

Walter Lefmann

CISO, CTC Trading Group, LLC

ENTERPRISE Category Winner

Mahmood Khan

SVP & CISO, CNA Insurance

The winners were determined over a three-phased process that began with an extensive written submission by the nominees detailing their leadership approach and achievements over the prior year. Over three months, the nominees were then interviewed and scored by a panel of their peers. Ultimately, two finalists for each category were submitted to program judges, Patrick Blandford (CEO, Green Shield Risk Solutions), Wells Hutchison (CEO, Delta Dental Plans Association), and Tom Monahan (CEO, DeVry University), for final consideration.

The winners were announced during a breakfast ceremony at the Metropolitan Club of Chicago on October 11th, 2022.

Maintaining strong cybersecurity and privacy programs has become increasingly apparent in the current business climate. When 83% of organizations in the most recent Ponemon Institute study report experiencing multiple breaches, and the average cost of a breach exceeds \$4.35 million (Ponemon Institute, "Cost of a Data Breach Report 2022"), the importance of having robust security leadership has become a business imperative. The Chicago-area CISO of the Year Program recognizes the contributions of Security and Privacy leaders to their organizations, their professions, and the local community.

Program overview: <https://aitpchicago.com/ciso-of-the-year-award>

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