



Dear Decision Maker,

I am requesting approval to attend the upcoming 34th Annual FISSEA Conference, to be held May 14-15, 2024 in Rockville, MD at the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCOE). Over the two days of the conference, I will attend presentations and panel discussions focusing on the federal cybersecurity learning community. Leading industry experts, government officials, and academic researchers will be attending to share their knowledge on a wide array of topics, directly relevant to my work.

Additionally, an exhibitor hall will be available where relevant training and education providers will share information about their products and curriculum. I will also have time to engage with colleagues and increase my professional network and my visibility within this community of federal cybersecurity learning program managers. Attending will not only further my technical skills but also enable me to build my knowledge for creating and maintaining our organization's learning program. The complexity of this event requires that I attend in person.

More information on the event, including location and registration information can be found here: <https://www.nist.gov/news-events/events/34th-annual-fissea-conference>

The annual conference is attended by approximately 150 federal government employees responsible for cybersecurity awareness and training of their workforce. The two day conference includes two morning keynotes, breakout sessions, an exhibitor showcase, and opportunities for networking. The event will also honor an Innovator of the Year and announce contest winners for awareness posters, videos, motivational items, website, newsletter, and training scenario or exercise. Breakfasts, lunches, and coffee/tea are also included in the registration fee.

The conference is intended for federal employees and federal contractors, but members of the general public are welcome to attend. Media is not invited.

Upon my return from the FISSEA Annual Conference, I will prepare a report summarizing the information shared, useful exhibitor information, key discussions, and how we can apply this information at our organization.

FISSEA (Federal Information Security Educators) was founded in 1987, and is an organization run by and for federal government information security professionals to assist Federal agencies in strengthening their employee cybersecurity awareness and training programs.