



InfraGard National Sector Security and Resiliency Program: Call for National Sector Chief (NSC) Applications

I. Introduction:

Critical Infrastructures are the enablers of our entire American way of life. Assuring their protection, security, operational resilience, and all condition preparedness, is the most fundamental of National and Homeland Security imperatives and vital to ensuring America's and its citizens' safety, security, quality of life and future. Unfortunately, these Critical Infrastructures are increasingly viewed as legitimate targets by an ever-growing array of global actors ranging from opportunists, criminals, hackers and hacktivists, to terrorists and Nation States.

To enhance timely, accurate and effective dissemination and exchange of information across all Critical Infrastructure sectors, the *InfraGard National Members Alliance* (InfraGard National) established the **InfraGard National Sector Security and Resiliency Program** (NSSRP) to help the *Federal Bureau of Investigation* (FBI) in its goal:

To protect, secure, and ensure the operational resilience of the nation's interdependent, globally and Internet reliant critical infrastructure(s) by providing comprehensive expertise to communities throughout the land to assist all FBI field offices in protecting, securing and ensuring critical infrastructure resilience and all- condition preparedness in their areas of operations.

In this call for applications, InfraGard National is seeking qualified applicants to serve as **National Sector Chiefs** for the following critical infrastructure sectors:

1. Chemical sector;
2. Commercial Facilities sector;
3. Government Facilities sector;
4. Healthcare and Public Health sector;
5. Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste sector; and
6. Water and Wastewater sector.

II. Minimum Qualifications for NSC candidates:

1. Be an InfraGard member in good standing with your IMA.
2. Hold a bachelor's degree in an area related to your sector; Masters or PhD degree preferred.
3. Have been actively working within the target sector a minimum of ten (10) years.
4. Maintain awareness of current trends and threats in the sector through active engagement with multiple sector relevant professional organizations.
5. Demonstrate expertise (as specified in section III below) as a subject-matter-expert (SME) or important stakeholder with a broad understanding, experience, and knowledge of the sector with interest in critical infrastructure protection; this can be demonstrated in many ways:
 - A. Written books/articles on area of expertise;
 - B. Hold requisite licenses, certifications, and/or trainings needed for expertise;
 - C. Testified in a court of law as a SME;

- D. Been acknowledged in the media as a SME;
 - E. Hold a reputation in your field as a SME, and can provide multiple references acknowledging your expertise; or
 - F. Otherwise demonstrated expertise at national or global reach.
6. Possess strong briefing and communication skills.
 7. Demonstrates ability to build effective relationships within their sector, other sectors, other communities (such as intel/fusion centers, DHS Protective Security Advisors, or other public/regulatory agencies).
 8. Able to meet time and activity commitments as described below:
 - A. Time commitment (15-20 hours/month) to successfully discharge assigned duties;
 - B. Ability to travel to Washington, DC (1-2 times/year) if needed, to meet with FBI executives, other NSCs, and other SMEs.
 - C. Willingness to review a limited amount of intelligence information, with the FBI, to assess threats within the sector; and
 - D. Contribute regularly to the sector community collaboration forums on the FBI portal.
 9. Already holds or is willing and eligible to apply for a SECRET level security clearance.
 10. Are NOT currently serving as President of an InfraGard Members Alliance (IMA) chapter, as a InfraGard National Regional Representative, or on the InfraGard National Board of Directors

III. National Sector Chief Responsibilities and Duties

Provided below is a description of the responsibilities and duties for selected NSCs.

1. Responsibilities:
 - A. Responsible and accountable to the *InfraGard National Chairman* for strategic alignment of sector activities with over-arching InfraGard strategic plan, and to seek Board approval for significant projects and initiatives.
 - B. Responsible and accountable to *InfraGard National President* for service and support to IMA Presidents and for local Sector Chief Program mentoring.
 - C. Responsible and accountable to the *National Sector Security and Resiliency Program Manager (NSSRPM)* for accomplishment of below listed duties and responsibilities.
2. Duties:
 - A. Serve as the National leader, spokesperson and Subject Matter Expert (SME) representative for their Sector in all InfraGard National meeting, conferences, and annual Congress.
 - B. Recruit, build, lead, and sustain a Critical Infrastructure Sector Council (CISC) for your sector to serve as a pool of SMEs to support build-out and sustainment of local IMA Sector Programs and to support FBI critical infrastructure protection priorities.
 - C. Maintain currency on all FBI Headquarters and IMA sourced Critical Infrastructure threats, concerns, and information requirements.
 - D. Provide proactive expertise, advice and assistance to the FBI, partners, and federal sector oversight agencies.

- E. Provide sector expertise, advice, and assistance to the InfraGard National Board, fellow NSCC members, Regional Representatives, and IMA Sector Programs.
- F. Enable sharing of relevant, timely, accurate, and actionable information to and from the FBI via personal contact, InfraGard Portal, FBI IGCs and/or iGuardian.
- G. Communicate regularly with other NSCs and IMA Sector Chiefs regarding:
 - Two-way information exchange and community outreach efforts;
 - Development of critical infrastructure education opportunities;
 - Discovery of critical infrastructure protection, security and resilience innovations;
 - Identification and resolution of critical infrastructure issues (e.g. single points of weakness and/or failure); and
 - Capture of community critical infrastructure performance requirements.
- H. Advise IMAs on recruitment and retention of Critical Infrastructure owners and operators within their sector.
- I. Enable community outreach for critical infrastructure awareness, training opportunities, conduct of exercises, and continuing professional education programs.
- J. Prepare an annual program-plan for the sector, attend NSCC meetings (calls), and produce periodic reports of sector activities and achievements.

IV. TERM OF OFFICE:

Sector NSCs will be appointed for a two-year term by InfraGard National Board, with advice from the FBI Office of Private Sector (OPS). Reappointments or extensions are possible, at the discretion of the NSSRP Manager.

V. APPLICATION DIRECTIONS:

1. To apply for this position, you must prepare:
 - A. A recent resume;
 - B. A two-page personal statement covering all of the points below:
 - Demographic information – full name, chapter, company, current title, and phone/email contact information;
 - Personal statement that describes the following
 - State the sector you wish to serve in as an NSC;
 - Address all of the selection criteria listed in Sections II above;
 - Describe why you are interested in serving as a sector SME;
 - Describe how you feel your skills and expertise can help InfraGard and the FBI protect critical infrastructure.
2. You must submit your application for an NSC position via the following survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019NSCSME>. The link will take you to a survey tool that will ask you to:
 - a. Enter demographic information – name, chapter, company, contact information;

- b. Select the position you are applying for;
- c. Upload your Resume highlighting experiences that qualify you for the position (be sure it covers all requirements in Section II above);
- d. Upload a personal statement (not to exceed 2 pages) that describes how you meet the criteria in Section II above, why you are interested in the position, and how you feel your skills and expertise can help InfraGard and the FBI protect critical infrastructure.

VI. Summary

Review and selection for these positions will occur over the next few months. For questions, please contact Chuck Georgo, National Sector Program Manager at cgeorgo@infragardnational.org.

Deadline for submitting an application is July 19, 2019