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2026 InfraGard National Awards Nominations: Nomination Instructions

The nomination window for the 2026 InfraGard National Awards Program opens on Monday, March 2, 2026, and closes on Sunday, May 31, 2026. Please review the nomination guidelines below in preparation for the 2025 awards cycle. This is an opportunity to acknowledge those who have selflessly volunteered their time and committed efforts during 2025 to contribute to the InfraGard program and to help ensure the success stories of all InfraGard Members Alliances (IMAs).

As established last year, the InfraGard National Awards Program will continue using a tiering system for awards submissions, based on IMA membership size. Previously, awards submissions were categorized and distributed by geographic region, with a total of six regions. The new system replaces the regional categories with six tiers based on IMA membership size. Each IMA has been assigned to a tier, based on the number of members. This new tiering system has the benefit of enabling IMAs to compete in the same tier as other IMAs of similar size. On the following pages, you'll find the IMAs listed by tiers and then by alphabetical order, so you can easily find your tier.

For each award, except for the Linda Franklin National Achievement Memorial Award and the Cross-Sector Council Leadership Award, the Awards Committee will select a winner from each tier, resulting in potentially six recipients for any given award. The prestigious Linda Franklin Award is only given at the national level. The Cross-Sector Council Leadership Award is only awarded to a person working in one of the Cross-Sector Councils.

The recipients of each award (up to 6; one per tier) will be considered finalists for the national award and the Committee will then select the national recipient from those finalists.

Recipients of the IMA Leader of the Year Award will automatically be considered finalists for the national Ivan Wolkind IMA Leader of the Year Award.

Recipients of the FBI Private Sector Coordinator of the Year Award will automatically be considered finalists for the national Daniel Alfin FBI Private Sector Coordinator of the Year Award. There is no need to designate a nomination as being submitted for a tier award or a national award. All nominations will be initially eligible for a national award.



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2026 InfraGard National Awards Nominations Guidelines

Opening and closing dates for the nominations period will be provided via an announcement by the Awards Committee Chairperson. Below are the awards nominations guidelines:

1. This Awards cycle covers activities and accomplishments during the 2025 calendar year only.
2. Only InfraGard members may nominate an individual for an award.
3. Each IMA may present only one nomination for each award.
4. Except for the FBI and DHS awards, nominees for individual awards must be InfraGard members.
5. Members of the INMA leadership team (board members and officers) are not eligible for any award while serving and until one year after leaving their position.
6. Members of the Awards Committee are not eligible for any award while serving. Additionally, a past Awards Committee Chair is not eligible for the Linda Franklin Award until one year after leaving the position.
7. Individuals may not be nominated for a specific award if they have been the recipient of that same award, on the national level, in the past three (3) years. Previous regional/tier recipients who were not selected as a national recipient may be nominated.
8. To ensure validity of each nomination, the Awards Committee will contact the appropriate IMA President and FBI Private Sector Coordinator for approval.
9. **Self-nominations are not permitted.**
10. **All criteria fields on the nominations are mandatory.** The system will not accept blank answers or answers with fewer than 10 words.
11. You will have the ability to save a partially completed nomination and receive an email from InfraGard National Awards Program (DoNotReply@infragardnational.org) that will permit you to return and complete it for submission.
12. Upon submission of a nomination, you will receive a confirmation email from InfraGard National Awards Program (DoNotReply@infragardnational.org). You will also receive a PDF copy of your nomination from Awards Chair (AwardsChair@infragardnational.org)



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IMA Award Tiers - Introduction

The InfraGard National Awards Program utilizes an IMA tiering system for awards submissions. In previous years, awards submissions were categorized and distributed by geographic region, with a total of six regions.

This new system replaced the regional categorization with six tiers based on IMA membership size. Each IMA has been assigned to a tier based on its number of members. This has the benefit of enabling IMAs of similar sizes to compete for awards within the same tier. On the following pages, you'll find the IMAs listed by tiers and then by alphabetical order, so you can easily find your tier.



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IMA Listings by Tier

Tier 1 – 901+ Members

- InfraGard Arizona
- InfraGard Atlanta
- InfraGard Boston
- InfraGard Chicago
- InfraGard Denver
- InfraGard Houston
- InfraGard Los Angeles
- InfraGard Michigan
- InfraGard National Capital Region
- InfraGard New York City Metro
- InfraGard North Texas
- InfraGard San Diego
- InfraGard San Francisco Bay Area

Tier 2 – 601+ Members

- InfraGard Charlotte
- InfraGard Indiana
- InfraGard Kansas City
- InfraGard Louisiana
- InfraGard Maryland
- InfraGard Minnesota
- InfraGard New Jersey
- InfraGard Oklahoma
- InfraGard Philadelphia
- InfraGard Pittsburgh



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- InfraGard South Florida
- InfraGard Tampa Bay Area
- InfraGard Washington State
- InfraGard Wisconsin

Tier 3 – 401+ Members

- InfraGard Austin
- InfraGard Buffalo
- InfraGard Central Ohio
- InfraGard Cincinnati
- InfraGard Connecticut
- InfraGard Eastern Carolina
- InfraGard Kentucky
- InfraGard Northern Ohio
- InfraGard Orlando
- InfraGard Sacramento
- InfraGard Saint Louis
- InfraGard South Carolina

Tier 4 – 276+ Members

- InfraGard Albany
- InfraGard Arkansas
- InfraGard Birmingham
- InfraGard Central Pennsylvania
- InfraGard Huntsville
- InfraGard Iowa
- InfraGard Jacksonville
- InfraGard Middle Tennessee



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- InfraGard Nebraska
- InfraGard Oregon
- InfraGard Richmond
- InfraGard Salt Lake City

Tier 5 - 151+ Members

- InfraGard Alaska
- InfraGard El Paso
- InfraGard Honolulu
- InfraGard Idaho
- InfraGard Knoxville
- InfraGard New Hampshire
- InfraGard New Mexico
- InfraGard Norfolk
- InfraGard San Antonio
- InfraGard South Dakota
- InfraGard Springfield
- InfraGard Tallahassee
- InfraGard West Virginia



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Tier 6 – 150 & Under Members

- InfraGard Delaware
- InfraGard Maine
- InfraGard Memphis
- InfraGard Mississippi
- InfraGard North Dakota
- InfraGard Peoria
- InfraGard Puerto Rico
- InfraGard Rhode Island
- InfraGard Rio Grande Valley
- InfraGard Southeast Tennessee
- InfraGard Southern Alabama
- InfraGard Toledo



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Quick Reference - Find Your Tier

InfraGard Alaska - Tier 5
InfraGard Albany - Tier 4
InfraGard Arizona - Tier 1
InfraGard Arkansas - Tier 4
InfraGard Atlanta - Tier 1
InfraGard Austin - Tier 3
InfraGard Birmingham - Tier 4
InfraGard Boston - Tier 1
InfraGard Buffalo - Tier 3
InfraGard Central Ohio - Tier 3
InfraGard Central Pennsylvania - Tier 4
InfraGard Charlotte - Tier 2
InfraGard Chicago - Tier 1
InfraGard Cincinnati - Tier 4
InfraGard Connecticut - Tier 3
InfraGard Dayton - Tier 5
InfraGard Delaware - Tier 6
InfraGard Denver - Tier 1
InfraGard Eastern Carolina - Tier 2
InfraGard El Paso - Tier 6
InfraGard Honolulu - Tier 5
InfraGard Houston - Tier 1
InfraGard Huntsville - Tier 5
InfraGard Idaho - Tier 5
InfraGard Indiana - Tier 2
InfraGard Iowa - Tier 4
InfraGard Jacksonville - Tier 4
InfraGard Kansas City - Tier 2
InfraGard Kentucky - Tier 3
InfraGard Knoxville - Tier 5
InfraGard Los Angeles - Tier 1
InfraGard Louisiana - Tier 2
InfraGard Maine - Tier 5
InfraGard Maryland - Tier 2
InfraGard Memphis - Tier 6
InfraGard Michigan - Tier 2
InfraGard Middle Tennessee - Tier 4
InfraGard Minnesota - Tier 2
InfraGard Mississippi - Tier 6
InfraGard National Capital Region - Tier 1
InfraGard Nebraska - Tier 4
InfraGard Nevada - Tier 3



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InfraGard New Hampshire - Tier 5
InfraGard New Jersey - Tier 2
InfraGard New Mexico - Tier 6
InfraGard New York City Metro - Tier 1
InfraGard Norfolk - Tier 5
InfraGard North Dakota - Tier 6
InfraGard North Texas - Tier 1
InfraGard Northern Ohio - Tier 3
InfraGard Oklahoma - Tier 3
InfraGard Oregon - Tier 4
InfraGard Orlando - Tier 4
InfraGard Peoria - Tier 6
InfraGard Philadelphia - Tier 2
InfraGard Pittsburgh - Tier 3
InfraGard Puerto Rico - Tier 6
InfraGard Rhode Island - Tier 5
InfraGard Richmond - Tier 4
InfraGard Rio Grande Valley - Tier 6
InfraGard Sacramento - Tier 3
InfraGard Saint Louis - Tier 3
InfraGard Salt Lake City - Tier 4
InfraGard San Antonio - Tier 5
InfraGard San Diego - Tier 1
InfraGard San Francisco Bay Area - Tier 2
InfraGard South Carolina - Tier 3
InfraGard South Dakota - Tier 5
InfraGard South Florida - Tier 2
InfraGard Southeast Tennessee - Tier 6
InfraGard Southern Alabama - Tier 6
InfraGard Springfield - Tier 5
InfraGard Tallahassee - Tier 5
InfraGard Tampa Bay Area - Tier 2
InfraGard Toledo - Tier 6
InfraGard Washington State - Tier 3
InfraGard West Virginia - Tier 5
InfraGard Wisconsin - Tier 2



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Award Nominating Process

InfraGard National is using Award Force to manage our award nominations and judging. To submit a nomination, you must be a registered user of the Award Force platform. Please click here <https://infragardnational.awardsplatform.com/> to register as an award nominator.

Figure 1 shows what the registration page looks like.

The image shows a screenshot of a web registration page. On the left is a teal sidebar with the heading 'Start here' and a three-step process: 1. Register an account, 2. Start your entry (save it in progress), 3. Submit your entry to be judged. Below this is the text 'Best of luck!' and contact information: 'For any questions, please contact awardschair@infragardnational.org'. The main content area is split into two columns. The left column is titled 'Register' and contains input fields for 'First name', 'Last name', 'Email', and 'Password'. The 'Password' field has a note: 'Must be at least 12 characters, including a number, an upper- and a lower-case letter and a special character.' Below the password field is a 'Confirm password' field. At the bottom of the register form are two checkboxes: one for 'Your use of this site is governed by the INMA Tech Acceptable Use Policy' with a link to 'https://www.infragardnational.org/privacy-terms/' and another for 'I agree to receive notification and communication emails or SMSs from InfraGard National Awards. You may withdraw your consent at any time.' A purple 'Register' button is at the bottom. The right column is titled 'Log in' and contains input fields for 'Email or mobile' and 'Password'. There is a 'Remember me' checkbox and a purple 'Log in' button. A blue link for 'Forgot password' is located below the 'Log in' button.

Figure 1- Awards Registration Page

Once you register, the system will send you an email to confirm your email address. You won't be able to enter award nominations until your email address is confirmed.



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Award Nomination Page

As members of the Awards Committee, we are honored to play a key role in recognizing some of the many outstanding individuals who are dedicated to fulfilling the vision and mission of the InfraGard program. We sincerely thank each member for their participation in the InfraGard National Awards Program.

Figure 2 shows the top-level award nomination entry page.

Figure 2- Top-Level Award Nomination Entry Page



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The category pulldown menu contains all the award categories. Please note that the requirements differ for each award. On this page, “Award Candidate” is the name of the person you are nominating for the award. The candidate’s email address, phone number, IMA, and Region (pulldown menu selection) must be entered on this page as well.

Figure 3 is an example of a nomination for the “Meeting the Challenge” award. The award category is selected by pulling down the category menu and clicking on the award name you wish to select. The rest of the entry page is self-explanatory.

When you have filled in all the particulars for the award candidate – select “**Save+next**” at the bottom of the page, and you will be brought to the page shown in Figure 4 Award Criteria and Justification Entry.

The screenshot shows a web interface for 'InfraGard National Awards'. A dark teal sidebar on the left contains a 'My entries' link. The main content area is titled 'My entries → Start entry' and includes a note: 'All questions must be answered, unless marked optional.' Below this are two tabs: 'Start here' (active) and 'Meeting the Challenge Entrant Justification'. The form fields are: 'Category' (pulldown menu with 'Meeting the Challenge' selected), 'Award Candidate' (text field with 'Lola DeShazo' and a green checkmark icon), 'Award Candidate Phone Number (optional)' (text field with '+1 201 555 0123'), 'Award Candidate email' (text field with 'lola@makeitbig'), and 'Award Candidate's IMA and Region' (pulldown menu with 'New Hampshire - Northeast' selected). To the right of the form, there is explanatory text: 'This award recognizes the individual who has overcome considerable challenges, personal or within the InfraGard program, in accomplishing goals that benefit InfraGard and their local community.' and 'Distribution of Awards: - Regional Winner (one from each region) - National Winner (selected from the Regional Winners)'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Save + next' (purple) and 'Cancel' (grey).

Figure 3 - Starting an Entry

Award Criteria and Justification Entry is perhaps the most important form. Here, you will provide details on why your candidate deserves the award. The criteria are used as the judging baseline, and your entries should clearly convey to the judges why your candidate meets or



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exceeds the criteria. The criterion for each award is provided later in this manual in Appendix 1 – Award Description and Criterion.

Start here Meeting the Challenge Criteria justification

Meeting the Challenge

Nominators must describe how the nominee has faced specific challenges or obstacles that they have successfully overcome in the pursuit of meeting the goals and objectives of InfraGard. To do this, indicate, in the below list of criteria, those you feel the nominee has met. The nomination must include specifics (e.g., tasks, initiatives, conferences, seminars, exercises or other efforts) to support each of the criteria that is selected.

Criteria - 1 (optional)	1. Overcame a specific personal or professional challenge, or a challenge within the InfraGard program, in pursuit of advancing the goals of the InfraGard program. Describe the challenge(s).
Criteria - 2 (optional)	2. Maintained a positive "can do" attitude and spirit in the face of the above challenge(s).
Criteria - 3 (optional)	3. Made exemplary contributions that encompass professionalism and dedication in their efforts to overcome the above challenge(s). Write directly benefiting the InfraGard program through training and motivational activities.
Criteria - 4 (optional)	4. Demonstrated the ability to successfully complete an action plan that overcomes challenge(s).
Criteria - 5 (optional)	5. Has shown a spirit of dedication to the InfraGard Mission through personal substantive accomplishments.

Save + next Save + close Preview Submit entry

Figure 4 - Award Criteria and Justification Entry



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Once you are happy with your entry, hit “Submit.” Figure 5 shows the screen after you hit submit. You will still be logged into the Awards platform, so if you have more award nominees, you may enter them.

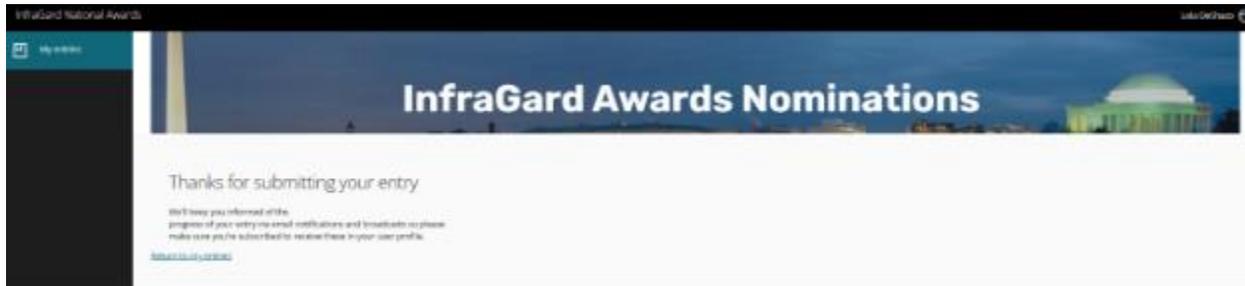


Figure 5 – Post-submission screen



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Appendix 1 – Award Description and Criterion

Award Descriptions

Linda Franklin National Achievement Memorial Award

As the highest honor in the InfraGard National Awards Program, the Linda Franklin National Achievement Memorial Award acknowledges an individual who has made a profound and enduring impact on the InfraGard program. Receiving this award is a testament to an individual's dedication, hard work, and talent, and it serves as a powerful recognition of their contributions. Nominations must describe how the nominee has demonstrated a long track record of significant and lasting contributions, and spirit of service and dedication to the InfraGard program. The nomination must include measurable specifics (e.g., type/number of programs, initiatives, events, members served, or other efforts) to support the criteria.

Note: The Linda Franklin National Achievement Memorial Award is only given to one national winner. There are no tier winners.

Eligibility: Nominees must have a minimum of seven years of distinguished service to the InfraGard program, with measurable contributions at both the **local AND national level**. Nominees can include general InfraGard members, FBI personnel, IMA leaders, or INMA leaders. Please note that INMA board members and officers are not eligible for any award while currently serving until one year after leaving their position.

1. Please chronicle the nominee's history and role within the InfraGard program, to include number of years in the program.
2. Please provide specific examples (programs, events, initiatives, or other efforts) of significant contributions that demonstrate the nominee's leadership, dedication and initiative in executing the InfraGard mission **at the local level** over an extended period.
3. Please provide specific examples (programs, events, initiatives, or other efforts) of significant contributions that demonstrate the nominee's leadership, dedication and initiative in executing the InfraGard mission **at the national level** over an extended period.
4. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee successfully led by example and served as a role model, inspiring other stakeholders within the InfraGard program.
5. Please provide specific examples of earned recognition by other industry and trade groups, employers, and professional peers.



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6. Please describe the specific and lasting outcomes/impacts of the nominee's contributions to InfraGard members and the InfraGard program, both locally and nationally. Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.



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IMA Leader of the Year Award / Ivan Wolkind IMA Leader of the Year Award

Nominations must describe how a nominee who holds a leadership position within an IMA has demonstrated an exemplary track record as a leader and made significant contributions to their IMA and the InfraGard program. The nomination must include measurable specifics (e.g., type/number of programs, initiatives, events, members served, or other efforts) to support each of the criteria.

Note: Recipients of the IMA Leader of the Year Award will automatically be considered finalists for the national Ivan Wolkind IMA Leader of the Year Award. This national award is named in honor of the memory of Ivan Wolkind, who served as Chairman of InfraGard National Members Alliance and dedicated six years of service to the national board.

1. Please describe the nominee's role within the IMA, including years of service.
2. Please provide specific, concrete examples (such as programs, events or initiatives) of how the nominee demonstrated outstanding leadership, initiative, innovation, and responsibility in executing the InfraGard mission to protect U.S. critical infrastructure and the American people.
3. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrated leadership and initiative in collaborating with the local FBI Field Office and other public or private sector partners to execute the InfraGard program.
4. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee successfully led by example and served as a role model, inspiring other stakeholders within the IMA (such as the board of directors, Sector Chiefs, members, etc.).
5. Please describe the specific outcomes/impacts of the nominee's leadership contributions to InfraGard members and other security stakeholders within the IMA's area of operation, as it relates to the InfraGard mission of protecting U.S. critical infrastructure. Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.
6. Please describe the specific outcomes/impacts of the nominee's leadership contributions to the IMA as a nonprofit organization (for example, in areas such as governance, programs, operations, fundraising, succession planning, etc.). Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.



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Sector Chief of the Year Award

Nominations must describe how the nominee has excelled as a Sector Chief and made significant contributions to their IMA, InfraGard members and the overall safety and security of their sector. The nomination must include measurable specifics (e.g., type/number of programs, initiatives, events, members served, or other efforts) to support each of the criteria.

1. What critical infrastructure sector does the nominee represent?
2. How long has the nominee served as a Sector chief?
3. Please provide specific, concrete examples of how the nominee demonstrated outstanding leadership as a Sector Chief and provided value to InfraGard members (sector-specific events, training exercises, outreach, etc.).
4. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrated leadership in collaborating with the local FBI Field Office and other public or private sector partners to facilitate sector-specific, two-way information sharing (presentations, threat briefings, reports, etc.).
5. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee contributed sector-specific subject matter expertise to strengthen the security of their sector overall (speaking engagements, webinars, participation in conferences and events, etc.).
6. Please describe the specific outcomes/impacts of the nominee's contributions to InfraGard members and their sector, as it relates to increasing security, preparedness, and resilience. Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.



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Sector Chief of the Year for Physical Security Award

Nominations must describe how the nominee has excelled as a Sector Chief and made significant contributions to their IMA, InfraGard members and the overall safety and security of their sector. The nomination must include measurable specifics (e.g., type/number of programs, initiatives, events, members served, or other efforts) to support each of the criteria.

Eligibility: This IMA Sector Chief of the Year Award for Physical Security is intended only for individuals who work in physical security.

1. What critical infrastructure sector does the nominee represent?
2. How long has the nominee served as a Sector chief?
3. Please provide specific, concrete examples of how the nominee demonstrated outstanding leadership as a Sector Chief and provided value to InfraGard members (sector-specific events, training exercises, outreach, etc.).
4. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrated leadership in collaborating with the local FBI Field Office and other public or private sector partners to facilitate sector-specific, two-way information sharing (presentations, threat briefings, reports, etc.).
5. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee contributed sector-specific subject matter expertise to strengthen the security of their sector overall (speaking engagements, webinars, participation in conferences and events, etc.).
6. Please describe the specific outcomes/impacts of the nominee's contributions to InfraGard members and their sector, as it relates to increasing security, preparedness, and resilience. Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.



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Meeting the Challenge Award

Nominations must describe how the nominee has successfully overcome challenges or obstacles in pursuit of executing the InfraGard mission of protecting U.S. critical infrastructure. The nomination must include measurable specifics (e.g., type/number of programs, initiatives, events, members served, or other efforts) to support each of the criteria.

1. Please describe the nominee's role within the IMA, including years of service.
2. Please describe in detail the specific personal or professional challenges that the nominee faced as it relates to executing the mission of the InfraGard program.
3. Please provide specific, concrete examples of the plans, strategies, and actions that the nominee implemented to overcome this challenge. What were the results?
4. Please describe how the nominee, in the course of overcoming this challenge, demonstrated outstanding leadership, initiative, resourcefulness, perseverance, and dedication in executing the InfraGard mission of protecting U.S. critical infrastructure.
5. Please describe the specific outcomes/impacts of the nominee's contributions to the InfraGard program as a result of overcoming the challenges described above. Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.



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FBI Private Sector Coordinator of the Year Award / Daniel Alfin FBI Private Sector Coordinator of the Year Award

Nominations must describe how the nominee has excelled as an FBI Private Sector Coordinator and made significant contributions to their affiliated IMA and the InfraGard program. The nomination must include measurable specifics (e.g., type/number of programs, initiatives, events, members served, or other efforts) to support each of the criteria.

Note: Recipients of the FBI Private Sector Coordinator of the Year Award will automatically be considered finalists for the national Daniel Alfin FBI Private Sector Coordinator of the Year Award. This national award is named in honor of the memory of Special Agent Daniel Alfin, who served as an InfraGard PSC in New York and was killed in the line of duty on February 2, 2021.

1. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrated leadership and initiative in collaborating with the local IMA to execute the InfraGard program (participation in meetings, collaboration on programs and events, member outreach, etc.).
2. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee facilitated the allocation of FBI resources to provide value to the IMA and its members (for example, FBI threat briefings and speakers for events, information sharing initiatives, etc.).
3. Please provide specific, concrete examples of how the nominee leveraged the IMA to support and advance the FBI Field Office's private sector engagement activities and share information.
4. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrated leadership and initiative in collaborating with other public and private sector entities to execute the InfraGard program (participation in meetings, collaboration on programs and events, etc.).
5. Please describe the specific outcomes/impacts of the nominee's contributions to the IMA, InfraGard members, and other security stakeholders within the FBI Field Office's area of operation, as it relates to the InfraGard mission of protecting U.S. critical infrastructure. Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.



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FBI Professional of the Year Award

The success of the InfraGard program depends upon more than just the FBI Private Sector Coordinator. Other professionals from the FBI Field Offices and FBI Headquarters provide significant contributions every year. This award is intended to recognize their efforts. FBI HQ or non-regional nominees may be nominated by any region for the purpose of this category.

Nominations must describe how the nominee has excelled as an FBI professional and made significant contributions to the InfraGard program. The nomination must include measurable specifics (e.g., type/number of programs, initiatives, events, members served, or other efforts) to support each of the criteria.

1. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrated leadership and initiative in collaborating with INMA or the IMAs to execute the InfraGard program (participation in meetings, collaboration on programs and events, member outreach, etc.).
2. Please provide specific examples of the service of the nominee, and how they were able to provide FBI resources in support of INMA, the IMAs, or InfraGard members.
3. Please provide specific, concrete examples (programs, events, initiatives, etc.) that demonstrate what INMA or the IMA was able to accomplish because of the work and contributions of this FBI professional.
4. Please describe the specific outcomes/impacts of the nominee's contributions to InfraGard members as it relates to the InfraGard mission of protecting U.S. critical infrastructure. Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.



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DHS Security Advisor of the Year Award

This award is only open to DHS Protective Security Advisor (PSA) and Cyber Security Advisor (CSA) nominees. Nominations must describe how the nominee has excelled as a PSA or CSA and made significant contributions to the InfraGard program. The nomination must include measurable specifics (e.g., type/number of programs, initiatives, events, members served, or other efforts) to support each of the criteria.

Please provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrated leadership and initiative in collaborating with the local IMA to support the InfraGard program (participation in meetings, collaboration on programs and events, etc.).

Please provide specific examples of how the nominee facilitated the allocation of DHS resources to provide value to the IMA and its members (for example, training, assessments, speakers for events, information on critical infrastructure threats and mitigations, etc.).

Please provide specific, concrete examples of how the nominee leveraged the IMA to support and advance DHS private sector engagement activities and share information.

Please provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrated leadership and initiative in collaborating with other public and private sector entities to support the InfraGard program (education, member recruitment, etc.).

Please describe the specific outcomes/impacts of the nominee's contributions to the IMA, InfraGard members, and other security stakeholders in the region, as it relates to the InfraGard mission of protecting U.S. critical infrastructure. Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.



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IMA Community Outreach Award

Nominations must describe how the IMA has successfully engaged with their community to execute the InfraGard mission of protecting U.S. critical infrastructure. The nomination must include measurable specifics (e.g., type/number of programs, initiatives, events, members served, or other efforts) to support each of the criteria.

1. Please provide specific examples of community outreach programs, services, events, or other initiatives implemented by the IMA to provide education and awareness on issues relevant to security and critical infrastructure protection within their community.
2. Please provide specific examples of partnerships that the IMA established with the community (community groups, schools and universities, nonprofits, or other organizations, etc.), and how those partnerships strengthened the community's security posture, preparedness and resilience.
3. Please provide specific examples of how the IMA leveraged outreach to increase awareness of the InfraGard program in their community and recruit new InfraGard members.
4. Please provide specific examples of how the IMA engaged their FBI Field Office in community outreach activities to establish relationships and connection points between the FBI and community organizations.
5. Please describe the specific outcomes/impacts of the IMA's contributions to the community, as it relates to the InfraGard mission of protecting U.S. critical infrastructure. Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.



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Public/Private Partnership Award

Nominations must describe how the IMA, or InfraGard member, and collaborative partner successfully forged a public/private partnership to execute the InfraGard mission of protecting U.S. critical infrastructure. The nomination must include measurable specifics (e.g., type/number of programs, initiatives, events, members served, or other efforts) to support each of the criteria.

1. Please provide a description of the IMA's public sector partner.
2. Please describe the specifics of the public/private partnership that the IMA established with a public sector entity, including the duration of the partnership.
3. Please provide specific examples of joint programs and initiatives developed and executed by the IMA and its public sector partner to serve InfraGard members and support the InfraGard mission. Explain how these programs leveraged education, information sharing, and other means to enhance security and critical infrastructure protection within the IMA's local community and/or region.
4. Please describe the specific outcomes/impacts of this public/private partnership for InfraGard members, as it relates to the InfraGard mission of protecting U.S. critical infrastructure. Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.



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Cross-Sector Council Leadership Award

Note: The National Cross-Sector Council Program is a national program of InfraGard National Members Alliance. Only those working on the Cross-Sector Councils may be nominated for this award. Regional awards will not be selected; there will only be one award for a national winner.

Nominations must describe how the nominee has demonstrated leadership in making significant contributions to the National Cross-Sector Council Program, InfraGard members, and the InfraGard program. The nomination must include measurable specifics (e.g., type/number of programs, initiatives, events, members served, or other efforts) to support each of the criteria.

1. Which Cross-Sector Council(s) is the nominee a member of, for purposes of this award nomination?
2. How long has the nominee been a member of this Cross-Sector Council?
3. Please provide specific, concrete examples of how the nominee demonstrated outstanding leadership and provided value to InfraGard members (cross-sector events, initiatives, outreach, etc.) within this Cross-Sector Council's focus area.
4. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrated leadership in collaborating with the FBI and other public or private sector partners to facilitate cross-sector information sharing (presentations, threat briefings, reports, etc.).
5. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee contributed subject matter expertise on the focus area of this particular Cross-Sector Council (speaking engagements, webinars, participation in conferences and events, etc.).
6. Please describe the specific outcomes/impacts of the nominee's contributions to the Cross-Sector Council and its members, as it relates to increasing security, preparedness, and resilience. Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.



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Rookie of the Year Award

Nominations must describe how the nominee has excelled in making significant contributions to their affiliated IMA and the InfraGard program within their first year of InfraGard membership. The nomination must include measurable specifics (e.g., type/number of programs, initiatives, events, members served, or other efforts) to support each of the criteria.

1. What date did the nominee join the InfraGard program?
2. Please describe the nominee's role within the IMA
3. Please provide specific, concrete examples of how the nominee, within their first year of membership, went above and beyond in demonstrating outstanding leadership, initiative, enthusiasm and dedication to the InfraGard mission. Examples should illustrate the nominee's outstanding level of participation and engagement with their IMA and the InfraGard program (attending meetings and events, volunteering for specific roles, committees, or projects, etc.).
4. Please provide specific, concrete examples of the nominee's spirit of innovation in terms of implementing new ideas, programs, events, initiatives, or other efforts.
5. Please describe the specific outcomes/impacts of the nominee's contributions to their IMA and the InfraGard program, as a result of outstanding participation within their first year of membership. Outcomes should be addressed from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective.

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