At SANS, we’re committed to strengthening the skills of today’s security leaders and building the leaders of tomorrow. We want to hear about and recognize emerging cybersecurity leaders through our first annual Ones to Watch in Cybersecurity Awards, which will be presented at the SANS Security Leadership Summit in Dallas, TX on September 27-28, 2016.

What do we think makes someone One to Watch in Cybersecurity? These emerging leaders should:

• Show leadership and an ability to drive key elements of the security program.
• Institute and manage change within the organization.
• Understand and be able to articulate business drivers for information security.
• Develop process and technological improvements leading to new security innovations.
• Display an ability to lead, motivate, and inspire others.

If you are a CISO or senior security leader in your organization, you may nominate someone on your team who shows promise in the key areas mentioned above. This award is intended to recognize people who are in team lead or management roles, not someone who already has a CISO role.

Your submission must include the following information, and should be sent in the body of an email (no attachments, please) to OnesToWatch@sans.org no later than Friday, July 29, 2016 at noon CDT:

• Nominee name
• Nominee title
• Nominee organization
• Nominee email
• Nominee phone
• Overview of nominee’s notable accomplishments. Why should SANS recognize this nominee as One to Watch in Cybersecurity? Please limit your summary to 500 words or fewer.
• Nominee Twitter handle, if applicable
• Name, address, and phone of person submitting nomination
• Nominator’s relationship to nominee
• Nominator’s bio
• Additional information you feel SANS should consider in evaluating this nominee

If your nominee is selected for recognition, you and (s)he will each receive a complimentary registration to the Security Leadership Summit. You or your nominee may be invited to participate in a panel discussion. SANS does not cover travel or hotel expenses.

You can expect to be notified no later than August 31, 2016.

Please direct questions to OnesToWatch@sans.org