# San Diego Regional Cyber Lab



## City of San Diego and San Diego Regional Cyber Lab's My ECISO Tool Selected As State & Local Government Champion

On July 23rd, representatives of the San Diego Regional Cyber Lab and the City of San Diego (Jonathan Behnke, CIO, and Brendan Daly, CISO) presented to an audience at AWS Imagine in Austin TX, showcasing our exciting new community resource: My eCISO. The City was identified among a cohort of innovative public sector agencies "pioneering meaningful, cloud-powered change to improve outcomes, build resilience, and accelerate progress in service of their respective missions, constituents, and communities."

We are proud to have been acknowledged among other IT innovators across the country and we look forward to continuing to spread the word on My eCISO in the months to come. Have you tried My eCISO yet? If you would like a no-cost, secure, bespoke evaluation of your organization's cybersecurity practices, speak with My eCISO today!



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# San Diego Cyber Clinic Receives $1M in Grant Funding

Cyber Center of Excellence (CCOE), California State University San Marcos (CSUSM), National University and San Diego State University (SDSU) have been selected to receive $1 million grant funding and wraparound support from Google's Cybersecurity Clinics Fund to establish the San Diego Cyber Clinic. The funding from Google.org, the company's philanthropic arm, is part of a $25 million collaboration with the Consortium of Cybersecurity Clinics. Cybersecurity clinics at higher education institutions provide free digital security services to under-resourced organizations, similar to how law or medical schools offer free community clinics.

The only multi-institution clinic in the Consortium of Cybersecurity Clinics with a nonprofit industry partner leading the charge, the San Diego Cyber Clinic trains students to service clients across the public and private sectors in the San Diego region. Through engagement of key industry, academic, and government stakeholders, including the City-led and U.S. DHS funded San Diego Regional Cyber Lab, the San Diego Cyber Clinic aims to grow an inclusive cyber workforce, increase digital security for all and serve as a model for regional collaboratives. Check out the free resources today!

# Upcoming Grant Funding Opportunities

If your organization is looking for cybersecurity grant opportunities, there are several grant application deadlines coming in the next few months.

**State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)**

- A nationwide cybersecurity grant opportunity, administered locally by each State agency according to the state agency's uniquely designed statewide cyber plan (click here for CA's cyber plan). In CA, the grant is overseen by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HSEM) Branch.

- Eligible agencies include local and tribal government. Applicants may apply for up to $250,000 for the 25-month performance period. There is no match requirement.

- Deadline to apply is **September 27th**. Click here for more information.

**Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)**

- Grant applications/proposals must have a clear "nexus to terrorism" and must directly benefit the local region.

- Must support one of the region's overall strategy goals (goal 6 pertains to "strengthening security and preparedness across cyberspace).

- Initial submissions are due to the UASI regional goal leads by **October 4th**. Goal leads for goal #6 are Tony Ray (array@arjis.org) and Brendan Daly (bmdaly@sandiego.gov).

**SD County's Community Enhancement Program (CEP)**

- Funds a wide array of activities, focusing primarily on enhancements to services which promote tourism and economic development.

- Deadline to apply is **October 31st**. Click here for more information.

# Cyber Lab Interest Sparked at Local Digital Government Summit

On June 27th, members of the San Diego Regional Cyber Lab's working group joined a wide range of regional public agencies to participate in GovTech's [San Diego Digital Government Summit](#). Attendees enjoyed a diverse set of panel discussions including "AI integrations in government," "Advancing Digital Equity," and "Unlocking the Power of Regional Data Collaboration." It was a successful event all around, and the Cyber Lab was lucky enough to obtain a lunchtime slot to speak to all Summit attendees about the cyber lab's most recent efforts, including the tools it has made available to the region as well as its recent release of [My eCISO](#).



The panel, consisting of Ian Brazill (Assistant Deputy Director, City of San Diego), Brendan Daly (Chief Information Security Officer, City of San Diego), and Nathan Short (Director of Information Technology, Encinitas Union School District), took the opportunity to speak about the successes and challenges of operating a regional resource like the Cyber Lab. Nathan provided details on the improvements his organization implemented within their cyber defenses through the use of the Cyber Lab's available threat monitoring tools, while Brendan and Ian discussed the history and future of My eCISO within the public sector space. The Cyber Lab received

# Free Cyber Security Awareness Webinar for Small Local Businesses

The City of San Diego's [Economic Development Department](#) and the [San Diego Regional Cyber Lab](#) are hosting a no-cost cybersecurity awareness webinar for small local businesses on **October 22nd from 4:00 - 5:30pm**. Many small businesses often lack the knowledge and resources to properly protect themselves from online threats and it is up to the public sector to step in and help wherever possible.

As a result, we will be working with local cyber consulting firm [FRSecure's](#) Dave Tuckman (President of [ISACA San Diego](#)) to walk businesses through the foundational steps they should take to protect themselves, their staff, and their businesses. Topics will include password management, ransomware, social engineering, and more.

The City will be offering the first 100 attendees (whose businesses are located within the City of San Diego) 1 ESET Home Security License for free. Each license will cover 5 workstations/devices in their workplace and will last for 3 years. ESET Home Security Licenses offer a variety of services suitable for very small businesses just getting started in their cyber journey. These licenses provide the following services:

- Antivirus
- Pop-Up blocking through their browser
- Anti-Phishing alerts and unsafe website alerts
- Wi-Fi network protections against unauthorized devices
- Password manager
- Identity Theft protections
- Unlimited Bandwidth VPN
- And more....

Click here to [register](#) for the event. We hope to see you there!

*ESET License Promotion Eligibility Requirements:*

- *Registrant's business must be registered/reside within San Diego City limits*
- *Registrant must attend the entire presentation to be eligible*
- *Registrant must be one of the first 100 registered qualifying registrants to be eligible*
- *Registrant understands support of license is between registrant and ESET directly*

# San Diego Business Journal Cybersecurity Special Report & Panel Discussion

On a recent panel discussion for the San Diego Business Journal, local cybersecurity experts Brendan Daly (City of San Diego), Blair Canavan (Thales), Teresa Macklin (CSUSM), and Kris Virtue (Qualcomm) discussed quantum computing's anticipated effects on the cyber industry as well as regional resources available to local businesses hoping to improve their own cyber defenses. [Click here](#) to view the special report published from the discussion and [click here](#) to view a recording of the full-length discussion itself.

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## Cybersecurity Stewardship Awards: Nominations Needed!

The San Diego Business Journal and Cyber Center of Excellence (CCOE) are once again hosting the 4th annual cybersecurity stewardship awards.

If you know any fellow cybersecurity stewards, including yourselves, who have made an impact on the San Diego region, submit a nomination today! The deadline is September 20th.

[Click here](#) to submit a nomination!

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