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CERTIFICATIONS

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Adjunct Instructor, CMU
Heinz College, Advisor –
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EDUCATION

B.A., Political Science,
Florida Atlantic University

Chief Information Security
Officer, Carnegie Mellon
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Ron Yearwood is a Senior Managing Director in FTI Consulting's Cybersecurity practice and is based in San Francisco, where he serves as the office lead for Cybersecurity. Mr. Yearwood is an accomplished cybersecurity and law enforcement veteran whose expertise includes cybersecurity incident response, investigation, prevention, remediation, recovery, and neutralization.

Mr. Yearwood has more than 30 years of experience combatting the foremost criminal and national security threats. Having spent more than 23 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Mr. Yearwood led strategic and investigative operations against hundreds of criminal and nation state cyber threat actors. During his tenure in the FBI Cyber Division, Mr. Yearwood served as a representative to the White House Cyber Response Group.

Prior to joining FTI Consulting, Mr. Yearwood directed the FBI's premier network intrusion rapid incident response team, responsible for hundreds of successful operations, including advanced digital forensics, malware analysis, network intrusion investigations, and vulnerability/exploit analysis. As a Senior FBI Cyber Executive, he led national cyber response management during multiple high-profile cyber investigations and operations receiving significant public/private scrutiny and media attention. Mr. Yearwood also led highly decorated programs focusing on cyber intelligence operations and development of innovative threat agnostic cyber tools.

During his time with the FBI, Ron provided cyber risk/threat briefings to more than 1,000 private sector and government organizations/representatives, consistently including senior executive participation. Prevalent topics included incident response planning, preparedness, remediation, and prevention.

Mr. Yearwood joined the FBI in 1995 working in Boston conducting violent crime and cyber investigations. As a member of the inaugural Cyber Squad in Boston, his team provided the foundation for the thriving Cyber component currently in existence today. In 2000, as a program manager at FBI Headquarters, Mr. Yearwood's team broke new ground leading criminal and national security covert operations. In 2003, Mr. Yearwood led the Cyber Squad in the FBI Houston field office prior to an assignment in the Counterterrorism Division in 2007. There, he led several hundred agents and analysts investigating thousands of terrorism cases managing the most significant risks faced by the nation resulting in dozens of arrests/plot disruptions in both the United States and across the globe.