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Speaker Bios

Dave Powner is the Executive Director of the Center for Data-Driven Policy and the Director of Strategic Engagement and Partnerships at the MITRE Corporation. In this role, he enhances MITRE's strategic corporate partnership interactions and development of new opportunities with the federal government, states, the private sector, and academia. Powner has more than 25 years of experience in both the public and private sectors. Before joining MITRE, Powner served as a Director at the Government Accountability Office where he led numerous reviews of federal information technology that resulted in testifying before Congress more than 100 times. During his tenure, Powner played a key role in the implementation of the Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA), led the creation of the FITARA Scorecard, and contributed his expertise to the development of the Modernization Government Technology Act. Powner is a Fellow at the National Academy of Public Administration and a Strategic Advisor to Government Executives at the Partnership for Public Service. He has won numerous Federal Computer Week's Federal 100 awards and was the federal government's top awardee of the Eagle award in 2017 for his contributions to the federal information technology community. Powner holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Denver and completed the Senior Executive Fellows program at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Jim Richberg is the Public Sector Field CISO and Vice President of Information Security at Fortinet. He has over 30 years of experience leading and driving innovation in cybersecurity, threat intelligence, cyber strategy and policy for the US government and international partners. Prior to joining Fortinet, Richberg served as the National Intelligence Manager for Cyber, the senior federal executive focused on cyber intelligence within the intelligence community. Richberg led the creation and implementation of cyber strategy for

17 intelligence departments and agencies, set integrated priorities on cyber threat, and served as Senior Advisor to the Director of National Intelligence on cyber issues. Richberg created and oversaw implementation of the multi-billion dollar whole-of-government Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative that generated new government cyber capability and enhanced cybersecurity in the private sector and critical infrastructure. Richberg gained practical insight into advanced threat capabilities, insider threat, and supply chain integrity during his 20 years at the CIA. Richberg helped build the discipline of cyber threat intelligence analysis and has been an innovator in measuring cyber performance, risk, and return on investment. Richberg holds a BA in political science from Ohio University and a master's degree in international relations from Stanford University.