
From: (b)(6)
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Sent: 6/25/2021 5:10:25 PM
To: Sterling, Brian (b)(6)
(b)(6) Demski, David
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Subject: FW: NFCA Awards, 2021

Here are some of the answers to the awards timeline questions. I will attach to next week's meeting invite.

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From: Brian McElhaney (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2021 11:10 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Medders, Alison (b)(6)
Subject: Re: NFCA Awards, 2021

Hi (b)(6) The answers are below. Regards, Brian

- What is the open date for accepting nominations? This depends on the readiness of our website. Shooting for the first week of July, but no later than July 10th.
- When is the closing date for accepting nominations? Friday, September 10, 2021, by close of business.
- When will DHS P/CRCL receive nominations, once you have closed the nomination process? No later than Monday, September 13, 2021.

On Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 7:47 AM (b)(6) wrote:

Hello Brian/Alison,

After discussing the award process in a team meeting today, CRCL came up with a few more items that we would like to have addressed regarding the NFCA awards.

- What is the open date for accepting nominations?
- When is the closing date for accepting nominations?
- When will DHS P/CRCL receive nominations, once you have closed the nomination process?

CRCL will need to go through a vetting process, as well as, contacting the award vendor in early October (at least 10 days) for the creation, proofing, completion, and shipping of the physical award. Having a better timeline will help us ensure we have enough time to get this completed.

Thank you,

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From: Brian McElhaney; (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 12:46 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: Sterling, Brian; (b)(6); Demski, David; (b)(6); Medders, Alison; (b)(6)

Subject: Re: NFCA Awards, 2021

Hi (b)(6)

We are 90% done building the new website to accept submissions, and we will begin accepting submissions sometime in July. We will intake your nominations and send them to you in September. The conference is in October, so we are doing great on time. The day for the P/CRCL award at the conference is tentatively set for Oct. 27th.

We will notice the directors in July when the website is up and running. Your team drafted criteria. See below for criteria and scoring information specific to you (both were crafted/approved by your team). I included the scoring info for other partners for comparison.

Thanks, Brian

Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties (P/CRCL) Award

Candidates for this award have demonstrated excellence and/or innovation in the protection of privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties in fusion center operations. Likely recipients include P/CRCL Officers, fusion center employees, oversight board members who work on fusion center matters, fusion center volunteers, or entire centers. Self-nominations are permitted. The person submitting the nomination certifies that there are no past substantiated or currently outstanding discrimination complaints pending against the nominee and there are no reportable data breaches of Personally Identifiable Information under the Fusion Center's current privacy policy.

NFCA Awards Scoring Committee 2021

The committee includes Federal partners, the private sector, and NFCA members from the north, south, east, and west regions of the Nation. Scoring committee members actively assigned to a fusion center must recuse themselves from scoring a submission that contains a nominee from their center.

The 2019 Maritime Domain Awareness Executive Steering Committee's Award Panel

The top three nominees will be selected by the Maritime Domain Awareness Executive Steering Committee's (MDA ESC) award panel for review by the MDA ESC Deputies and final selection by the MDA ESC Principals. The National Maritime Intelligence Integration Office, as the MDA ESC's executive secretary, will ensure the panel includes membership from Federal, state and local partners as well as NFCA members from the north, south, east, and west regions of the Nation. Panel members actively assigned to a fusion center must recuse themselves from scoring a submission containing a nominee from their center.

HSIN-Intel Award Panel

Upon conclusion of the NFCA awards open nomination period, the NFCA will forward nominations to the HSIN-Intel Governance Board for review and selection.

Privacy/Civil Liberties Award Panel

Upon conclusion of the NFCA awards open nomination period, the NFCA will forward nominations to the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and the DHS Privacy Office for review and selection.

On Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 9:18 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Brian,

Can you please give us an update on what stage you are at with the NFCA award process?

Do you send out a notice for award submissions to the Fusion Center Directors?

Who drafts the criteria and circulates the announcement for nominations for the FY 21 PCRCL Award?

This information would be helpful to know.

Thanks,

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From: Brian McElhaney (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 10:45 AM
To: (b)(6)
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Hi, Gay.

Will do. Plan for late summer/early fall on nominations.

I meant to include Alison on the last email; her email address is in the cc line now. Sorry about that.

Brian

On Thu, May 20, 2021 at 7:28 AM (b)(6) wrote:

Hello Brian,

Thank you for reaching out....

Brian Sterling, Section Chief, (b)(6) and myself are working are working with the Fusion Centers. Please forward any nominations to Brian (b)(6) and myself. Also, please provide Alison Duncan's email address, so that I can include her on the emails.

Thank-you,

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Hi (b)(6)

It's time to start thinking about the NFCA awards.

By way of a virtual introduction, Alison Duncan of the Alabama Fusion Center is now on the team as the awards co-chair. You can copy Alison wherever you would copy me on awards items.

Can you respond to Alison and me and let us know if you are in again?

We can collect nominations and send them to you like last year.

Thanks, Brian