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Tools and Resources for Small Network Operators

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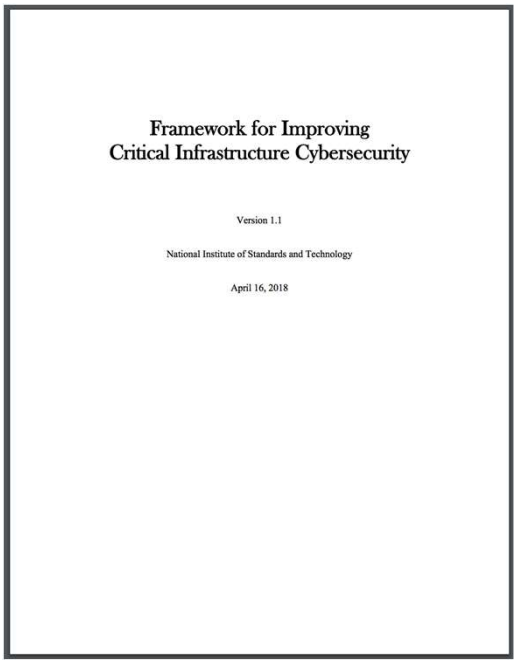

Framework for Improving
Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

Version 1.1

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NIST Cybersecurity Framework 1.1

Evolution of the Framework

- Backwards compatible; Roadmap for future evolution
- Version 1.1:
  - authentication and identity;
  - supply chain;
  - vulnerability disclosure;
  - self-assessment
- Policymakers doubling down on Framework approach
- Focus on metrics

Framework 1.1 Core Structure

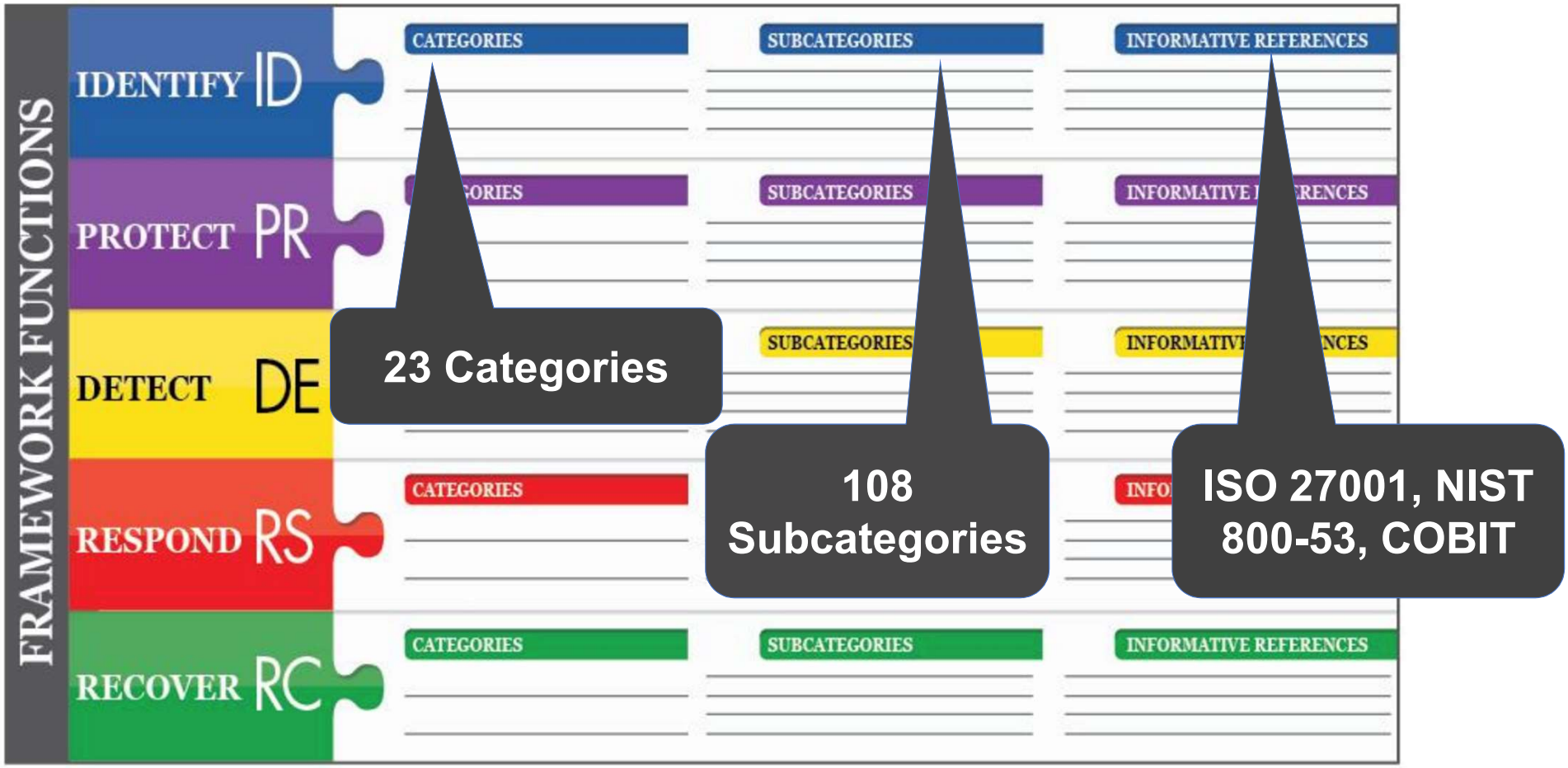
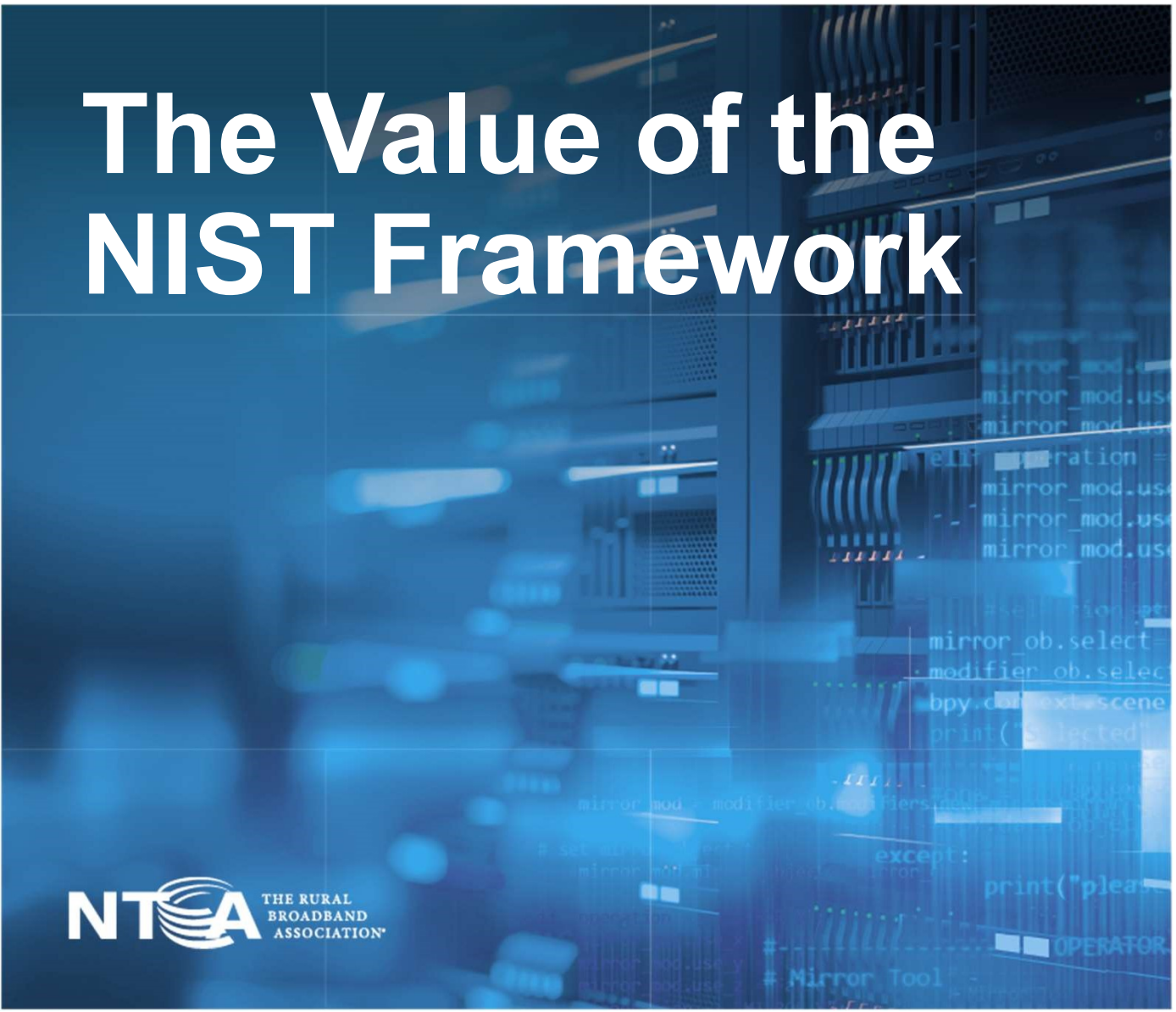
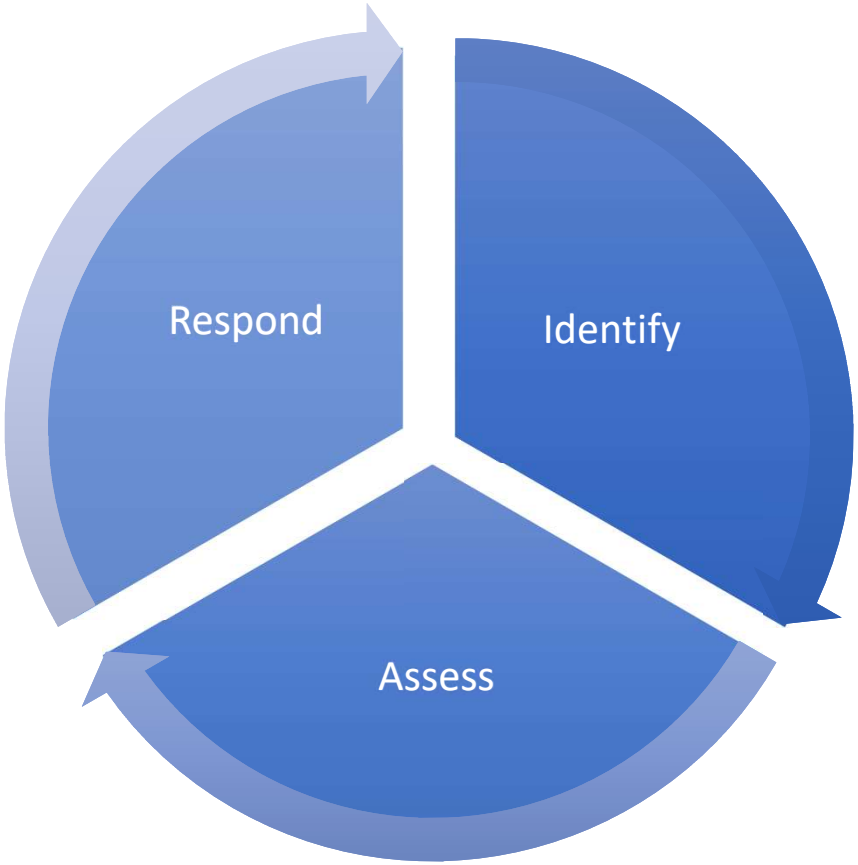


Figure 1: Framework Core Structure

The Value of the NIST Framework



Risk-Management Process



You cannot eliminate all risk.

Rather, the goal is to understand security risks, and then reduce those risks to an acceptable level.

"Risk Tolerance"

Risk Management Approach

- Flexible & dynamic
- Company-wide approach
- Governed by senior execs
- Strives for ongoing improvement

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Sector-Specific Guide

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"The magnitude of the framework can be both **intimidating** for a smaller business and, due to resource limitations, **functionally impossible** to implement **all at once**. As such, the **NTCA Member Advisory Group** offers the following **implementation guidance** for **small network operators**."

- Operational guidance, drafted by NTCA members
- Illustrative and flexible; not a prescriptive checklist
- Focus on "core network" and "critical infrastructure and services"

Sector Guide: Framework Analysis

- In or Out of Scope
- Criticality (1-5)
- Application to Operating Environment
- Barriers to Implementation

	entify	ID.AM	Asset Management
		ID.BE	Business Environment
		ID.GV	Governance
		ID.RA	Risk Assessment
		ID.RM	Risk Management Strategy
PR	Protect	PR.AC	Access Control
		PR.AT	Awareness and Training
		PR.DS	Data Security
		PR.IP	Information Protection Processes and Procedures
		PR.MA	Maintenance
		PR.PT	Protective Technology
DE	Detect	DE.AE	Anomalies and Events
		DE.CM	Security Continuous Monitoring
		DE.DP	Detection Processes
RS	Respond	RS.RP	Response Planning
		RS.CO	Communications
		RS.AN	Analysis
		RS.MI	Mitigation
		RS.IM	Improvements

Sector Guide:

Priority Practices

High Priority or First Steps
ID.AM-1: Physical devices and systems within the organization are inventoried
ID.AM-2: Software platforms and applications within the organization are inventoried
ID.GV-1: Organizational cybersecurity policy is established and communicated
ID.RA-1: Asset vulnerabilities are identified and documented
ID.RA-3: Threats, both internal and external, are identified and documented
ID.RA-5: Threats, vulnerabilities, likelihoods, and impacts are used to determine risk
ID.RA-6: Risk responses are identified and prioritized
PR.AC-1: Identities and credentials are issued, managed, verified, revoked, and audited for authorized devices, users, and processes
PR.AC-2: Physical access to assets is managed and protected
PR.AC-3: Remote access is managed
PR.AT-1: All users are informed and trained
PR.DS-1: Data-at-rest is protected
PR.DS-2: Data-in-transit is protected
PR.IP-4: Backups of information are conducted, maintained, and tested
PR.IP-9: Response plans (Incident Response and Business Continuity) and recovery plans (Incident Recovery and Disaster Recovery) are in place and managed
PR.MA-2: Remote maintenance of organizational assets is approved, logged, and performed in a manner that prevents unauthorized access
PR.PT-3: The principle of least functionality is incorporated by configuring systems to provide only essential capabilities
PR.PT-4: Communications and control networks are protected
PR.PT-5: Mechanisms (e.g., failsafe, load balancing, hot swap) are implemented to achieve resilience requirements in normal and adverse situations
DE.AE-4: Impact of events is determined
DE.CM-1: The network is monitored to detect potential cybersecurity events
DE.CM-4: Malicious code is detected
DE.CM-8: Vulnerability scans are performed
RS.RP-1: Response plan is executed during or after an incident
RS.CO-2: Incidents are reported consistent with established criteria
RS.CO-4: Coordination with stakeholders occurs consistent with response plans
RS.AN-1: Notifications from detection systems are investigated
RS.MI-1: Incidents are contained
RS.MI-2: Incidents are mitigated

ID.RA-1: Asset vulnerabilities are identified and documented

In the Identify section of the framework above, you identified your network and the equipment inside your network. You should now review the inventory and identify the known and related risks to the devices. You should strive to understand which devices have the greatest cybersecurity risks based on their importance in your network and their related vulnerabilities. For instance, if a device must run simple network management protocol (SNMP) for monitoring, then it should be listed as being vulnerable to an SNMP protocol attack; likewise, if a device must respond to network time protocol (NTP) messages, then it is vulnerable to an NTP-type attack. Devices running multiple services and protocols will be more vulnerable to attacks. The devices inventoried include those that reside inside and outside of your network(s); likewise, all devices also should be evaluated for vulnerabilities.

ID.RA-3: Threats, both internal and external, are identified and documented
ID.RA-5: Threats, vulnerabilities, likelihoods, and impacts are used to determine risk

Vulnerabilities are weaknesses in an asset that might be exploited; threats are the actual exploitation of the vulnerability. Some threats are highly likely and may have major impact, while others might be unlikely and/or have minimal impact.

Documenting threats is important for organizations and businesses, regardless of size. A group or individual exercise to identify threats to the organization will help a small business focus on this effort while utilizing its limited resources. An example would be having the managers/technical staff identify the top five internal and external cybersecurity threats to identified assets, focusing on those risks that are (1) most likely to occur and/or (2) would have the greatest impact to your network and/or business. These could be compiled into a complete list to facilitate *ID.RA-6*, as discussed below.

ID.RA-6: Risk responses are identified and prioritized

Identifying risks is the first step. The identified and prioritized list should be used to create plans for either accepting or mitigating the identified issues, consistent with organizational policy. Cybersecurity is a continual process; companies should review the list of priorities on a regular, scheduled basis.

Sector Guide:

Case Study

Sector Guide: Tools and Resources

- Best practices
- Planning guides/templates
- Tools
- Training
- Standards

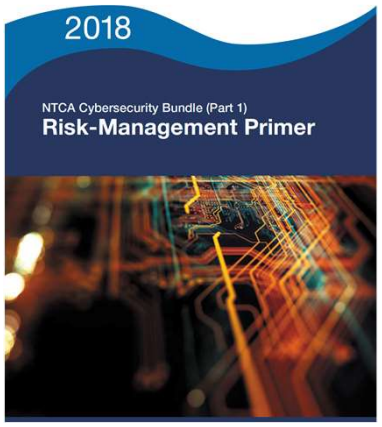
Computer Security Incident Handling Guide

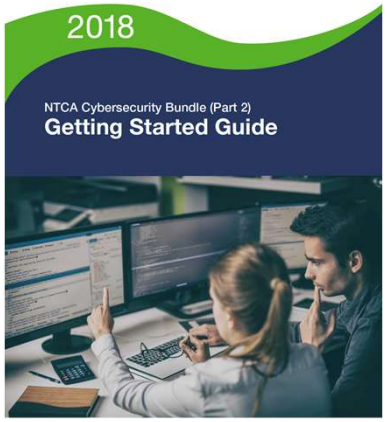
Recommendations of the National Institute of Standards and Technology

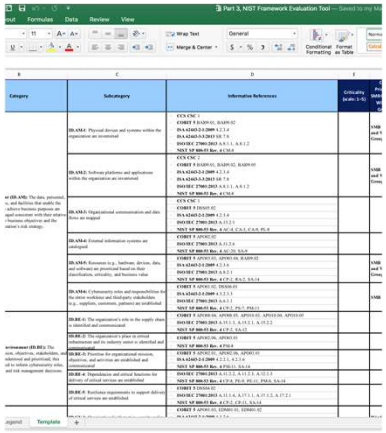
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service | National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center

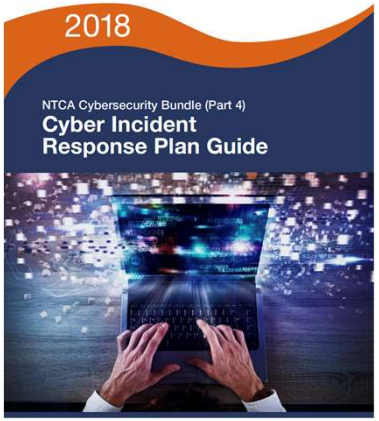
CDI Cyberterrorism Defense Initiative | FEMA

Free Cyberterrorism Training









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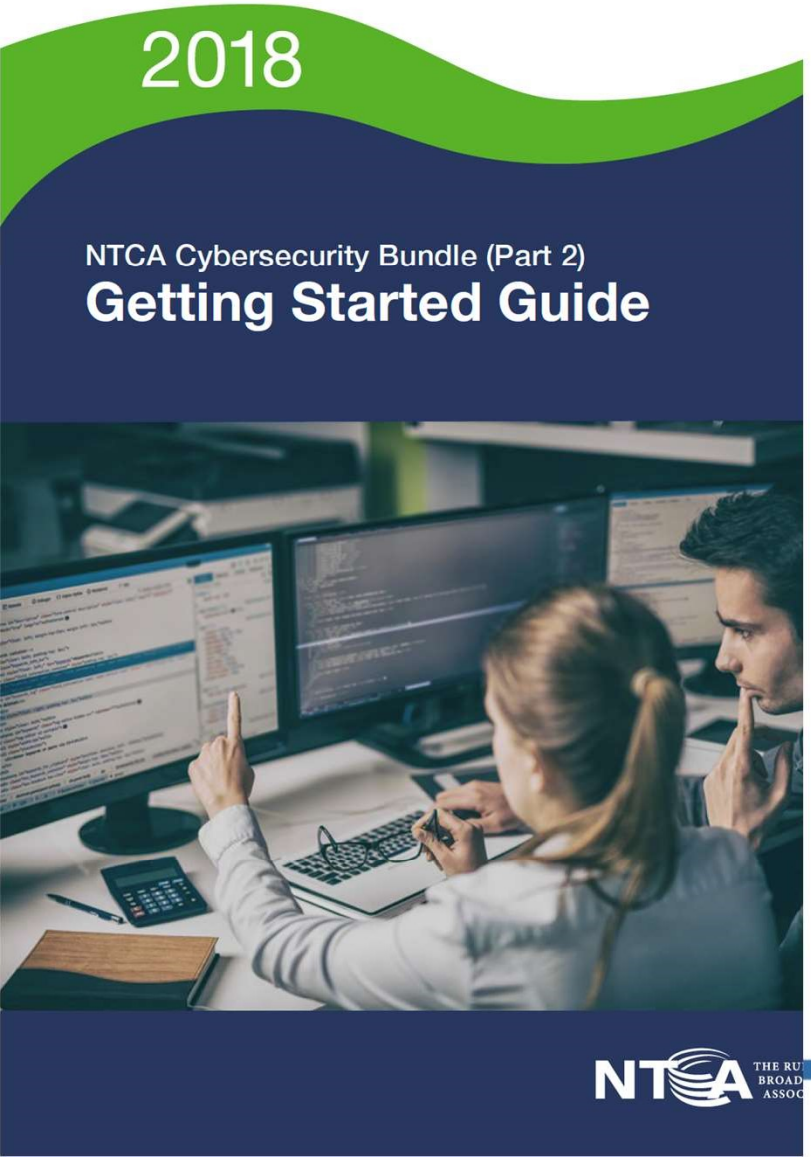

- “On-ramp” to using the NIST Framework
- Based upon NTCA member best practices
- Encourages robust internal discussion
- Define cyber risk-management team
- Meeting agendas, topics, and questions informed by 5 cybersecurity functions and most critical subcategories from Sector-Specific Guide

Questions?

Save-the-Date:
NTCA 2019 Cybersecurity Summit
Oct 27-29, Salt Lake City, UT

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