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Zakiyyah Ali is the executive director of the Tech Council of Delaware and is leading efforts to build and expand inclusive tech talent pipelines in Delaware through several ecosystem committees and the First State Tech Partnership, a sectoral partnership focused on the technology industry. With over 20 years of experience in the fields of workforce development and human resources, Zakiyyah is skilled at developing innovative solutions that provide businesses with qualified talent and create avenues for overlooked populations to achieve economic independence through sustainable employment. Zakiyyah graduated with honors from West Chester University with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing, minor in Psychology, and earned a Master of Leadership Development from Pennsylvania State University-Great Valley. She also holds a Senior Certified Professional designation from SHRM, a Professional Human Resource Management credential from Villanova University, and is a graduate of the Women's Leadership Series through Temple University's Fox School of Business Center for Executive Education.

Debbi Blyth, Executive Strategist, is part of the Industry Business Unit at CrowdStrike, where she provides strategic advisory services related to enterprise cybersecurity solutions for all industry verticals including Government, Education and Healthcare.

Prior to joining CrowdStrike, Debbi spent 7 years as Colorado's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). During her tenure she was successful at doubling the cybersecurity budget, recovering from a large-scale ransomware attack, and measurably reducing risk across the state. Debbi has over 25 years technology background and 15 years leading information security programs. Before joining the state of Colorado, Debbi



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led the Information Technology Security and Compliance programs at TTEC (5 years) and Travelport (3 years). Debbi is a Colorado native, and graduated Summa cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from Regis University.

Anahi Santiago is the Chief Information Security Officer at Christiana-Care, the largest healthcare provider in the State of Delaware. Prior CCHS, she spent over 10 years as the Information Security and Privacy Officer at Einstein Healthcare Network. In her role as CISO she has overall responsibility for the organization's cybersecurity and assurance program. Santiago leads a team of information security professionals in supporting CCHS's strategic initiatives by collaborating with clinical and business leaders, managing cybersecurity risks, implementing policies and controls, generating overall awareness and fostering a culture of security and safety.

Anahi Santiago holds a B.S. in electrical and computer engineering as well as an executive MBA from Drexel University. She is an active contributor and member of several local, state and federal cybersecurity organizations including H-ISAC Board of Directors, Healthcare Sector Coordinating Council's Cybersecurity Working Group, Delaware Healthcare Cybersecurity Alliance and WiCyS.

Maria S. Thompson is the State and Local Government Executive Government Advisor - Cybersecurity for Amazon Web Services (AWS). In this role, she brings over 20 years of experience in information technology, strategic planning, computer network defense and risk management. Prior to her role with AWS, Maria served as North Carolina's first State Chief Risk and Security Officer.