

On behalf of the 2019 Cyber Summit organizing committee and The University of Tulsa, we are honored and delighted to welcome you to the 2019 Cyber Summit in Tulsa, Oklahoma. If you are from the region, you may already be familiar with Tulsa; its rich history in oil and gas, its art deco architecture, the Tulsa Sound and its downtown revitalization. For those new to the city, we hope you discover what the rest of us already know – that Tulsa is a great place to live and to thrive.

Many of you may also be aware of TU's reputation in cyber security. TU has been a national academic leader in the field for more than 20 years. During that period, the university has produced hundreds of graduates that work in industry and government as cyber security professionals and that have launched successful start-ups – several here in Tulsa. The Cyber Summit represents an opportunity to showcase the city's cyber security talent and resources as well as its ideal landscape as a hub of cyber security innovation.

Our program consists of parallel tracks for leadership and technology on emerging topics of direct relevance to cyber security professionals and stakeholders from the critical infrastructures. It also incorporates a pitch competition that seeks to identify and inspire entrepreneurs to bring innovation and new business opportunities to Tulsa. Our five keynote speakers – headlined by former CIA Director John Brennan – will offer insights and perspectives on cyber security issues that challenge us today and those that will challenge us tomorrow.

We would be remiss if we did not conclude these welcoming remarks with some notes of thanks. We would like to thank the many individuals involved in planning the program agenda and making logistical arrangements for the venue and social events. Thank you to our many sponsors and participants in helping us field such a strong program – you have all made a difference in the direction and quality of the track sessions. Lastly, we offer a special debt of gratitude to our presenting sponsors, the George Kaiser Family Foundation and Cox Communications, for the vision and support that made this event possible.

Sincerely,

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