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## City of El Paso Chief Information Security Officer Earns National InfraGard Award

**EL PASO, Texas**—The City of El Paso is proud to announce that Ernesto Arriola, the City's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) with the Department of Information Technology Services, has been named the National Sector Chief of the Year by the InfraGard National Awards Program.

This distinguished national honor recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership and commitment to strengthening the nation's security through collaboration and innovation.

The InfraGard National Members Alliance, a partnership between the FBI and the private sector, presents this award annually to professionals who exemplify excellence in safeguarding critical infrastructure and enhancing community resilience.

"Ernesto's recognition is a powerful reflection of the talent and dedication that drive the City of El Paso," said City Manager Dionne Mack. "Through his leadership, our organization continues to strengthen its cybersecurity posture and ensure the protection of critical systems that serve our residents every day. This national award is well-deserved and a source of pride for our entire community."

"I am deeply honored to receive this recognition from the InfraGard National Awards Program," said Ernesto Arriola, Chief Information Security Officer for the City of El Paso. "Cybersecurity is a team effort, and this award reflects the ongoing collaboration between our City departments, regional partners, and national organizations like InfraGard. Together, we're building a safer, more resilient El Paso."

InfraGard supports efforts to protect critical infrastructure and enhance national security through trusted information sharing. The InfraGard National Awards Program operates under the InfraGard National Members Alliance and is distinct from the FBI, though both organizations work closely to advance shared goals in public safety and resilience.

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