

# CSO50 AWARDS

## CSO50 AWARD PROGRAM FAQs

### Q: Who can apply?

Security and technology leaders, other qualified team members, and internal or external PR and marketing representatives of companies based in the US may submit applications for the award.

Technology vendors can apply by submitting:

- An **internal IT project or initiative**
- A **customer's project or initiative** that utilizes their product. This requires permission from the customer and contact information of customer's technology executive. *Please note: the customer will be named the award winner, not the technology vendor company.*

Technology vendors **cannot** submit:

- Any product or service they sell to external IT customers or clients. These entries will be disqualified.

### Q: How is the application information used?

The information you provide in your application will be used for judging the awards and potentially for articles in our digital magazine or other publicity relating to the award program.

If you have information about your project (such as internal metrics or financial details) that you do not want published -- but which you would like the judges to consider as part of your application -- please note this in the text box where the information appears or where asked to do so specifically in the application.

Information not labeled in this way **will be considered publishable**.

Contact and vendor information may be used to market or create new CSO content and programs.

Please also see our [privacy policy](#).

### Requirements to Accept the Award:

If your company is selected as an award winner, a member of the nominated company will need to **formally acknowledge and accept the award within one week** of receiving the notification via the award winner resource center. If you do not complete this step, you will forfeit your award and another winner from the pool of finalists will be selected.

### Q: Who judges the CSO50 entries?

Past winners, other security executives and CSOonline.com editorial and event staff judge the awards. Should any judge have a conflict of interest with a particular entry, the judge will not score that entry. If a judge's company has entered a submission, the judge will not be assigned to that submission.

### Contact information

For questions regarding the award or the nomination process, please email: [CSOEvents@CSOonline.com](mailto:CSOEvents@CSOonline.com)