



2014 Award Winner

**Brian Harrell, CPP** is the Director of Security and Risk Management within Navigant’s Energy Practice, providing energy companies with expert consultation on risk mitigation, protective measures, and compliance guidance. is the former Director of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC) and was charged with leading NERC’s efforts to provide timely threat and risk information to over 1900 bulk power system owners/operators and government stakeholders. During his time at NERC, Brian also served as the Director of Critical Infrastructure Protection Programs, where he led CIP compliance staff, the Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee, grid security training and exercises, and security outreach. Brian led many key initiatives at NERC including the creation of the Grid Security Exercise (GridEx), key physical security standards and guidance documents, and helped position NERC as a leader in grid security. Prior to NERC, Brian was the CIP Manager for the SERC Reliability Corporation, where he oversaw security related matters for the region. Before coming to the electricity sector, Brian was the Sector Security Specialist for the Infrastructure Security Compliance Division at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Brian specialized in securing high risk chemical facilities and Continuity of Operations (COOP) for DHS. Brian served in the US Marine Corps infantry and as an Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Instructor providing threat assessments for DOD military installations, small-arms expertise, and security force management.

Brian has received many accolades for his work including awards from CSO Magazine and the 2014 GovSec “Gov30” award, which recognized leaders for their contributions to the security community. Brian has an MA from Central Michigan University and Pennsylvania State University, and a BA from Hawaii Pacific University. He is also board certified in security management.

