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Certified Coach Approach: Enhancing Cyber Resilience for Water Utilities



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- Convenes senior leaders of global companies and supply chain partners
- Shares cybersecurity best practices and resources
- Develops free content and tools to improve the Cyber Readiness of small- and mediumsized enterprises











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Certified CRI Coach Program



Certified CRI Coach Program

- Coach Training Session
- Role Play Exercises
 - Support Call
 - Verification Call
 - "Bad" and "Good" Playbooks
- Field Observation with an Organization
 - Support Call
 - Verification Call



What Makes a Good Coach

- Attitude
 - Friendly, Fair, Firm
- Communication
 - Good Listener, Patient, Relatable
- Project Management
 - Time Management
- Technology Knowledge
 - Basic Technical Background



Issue

- Water Utility (WU) cyber vulnerabilities raise national security concerns around public health and safety
- Policymakers searching for solutions
- Water ISAC and the Water Sector Coordinating Council survey respondents identified "training and education" as their number one necessity
- Challenges WU face:
 - Small organizations
 - Limited resources or technical capacity
 - Aging infrastructure
 - Legacy systems (Windows 7 or older)
 - Protocols and technology prone to cyberattacks



- Scope
 - Community Water Systems (CWS)
 - Supply Clean Water
 - Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)
 - Manage Wastewater
 - Small WU (Services 501 to 3300 People)
 - Medium WU (Services 3301 to 10,000 People)



Phase One

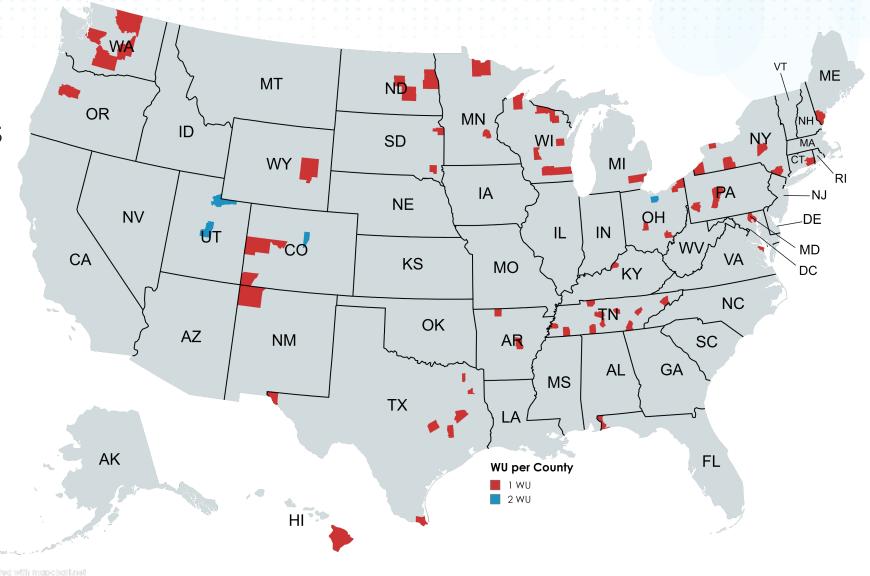
- Launched in August 2023
- 50 Water Utilities Phase 1
- Supported by Certified CRI Coaches

Phase Two

- If required, Secondary
 Course for SCADA Systems
- Additional 150 WU from across the United States

Collected data and feedback is analyzed across each phase to produce a final report.

- Reach
 - 76 Water Utilities
 express interest as
 of March 8, 2024
 - Not shown on map: Guam





What Can You Do to Assist Smalland Medium-Utilities and Organizations



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