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Q1

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Q2

Name of CERT Program you are affiliated with

None

Q3

Name of Government Agency you are an employee with if applicable

Central Texas Council of Governments

Q4

Please indicate your current CERT roles (choose all that apply)

Other (please specify):
Former State Program Manager

Q5

Please indicate your region (where you are physically based)

Region VI - Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma

Q6

Eligible candidates for NCA Board of Directors At Large Member - CERT Volunteer Subject Matter Expert, candidates must not be paid for their CERT related activities at the time of candidacy and election. This includes if you are paid to support one CERT program and volunteer to support other CERT programs. Please confirm that you are unpaid for any CERT related activities

I confirm that I currently do not receive any financial compensation for my CERT related activities

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Q7

How many years have you been involved with CERT?

6

Q8

Which CERT related courses have you taken (select all that apply)

**CERT Basic Training Course,
CERT Train-the-Trainer Course,
CERT Program Manager Course**

Q9

Briefly describe your CERT experience

Served as the state program manager for the state of Texas from 2015-2021

Q10

Briefly describe a CERT project that you led or were a major part of and how it benefited your CERT program/community

As the state program manager my responsibility was to support the over 250 programs we have registered in the state. I provided this support by coordinating and facilitating trainings across the state as well as provided educational materials and equipment needs to local programs. I also managed the SkillsUSA Texas competition for youth programs in the state. Texas is the only state that currently has a SkillsUSA CERT component and it evaluates students abilities to perform activities they were trained in by completion of a written test followed by practical exercises.

Page 3: Contribution as a NCA Board Member

Q11

Briefly describe how your skills, experience, and currently CERT related activities would be beneficial to the NCA and NCA Leadership team:

As the previous state coordinator, I have the ability to see program successes in a larger than just local picture and share best practices that may be of benefit to programs across the nation.

Q12

NCA Board Members are required to lead/participate in NCA committees. Please indicate your level of interest in the following current/future NCA committees

CERT Awards Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
CERT Train-the-Trainer and Program Manager Committee Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area
CERT Volunteer Development and Support Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area
Communications Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Credentialing Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Elections Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
ID Card Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
International CERT Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area
Marketing and Promotion Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Membership Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
National CERT Conference Committee	5 - I would be willing to lead this committee but have little experience in this area
Newsletter Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Social Media Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
Training Committee	3 - I am interested in joining this committee but have little experience in this area
Youth Preparedness Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area

Q13

What are some projects that you think the NCA should be working on/emphasizing to better support CERT programs and how can you help lead this project?

The biggest issue I think is training reciprocity. Because all programs have to adjust their training to meet the local need members that relocate may have difficulty joining a team until they have received the new local training. It is my thought that NCA could assist with development of a reciprocity strategy that would benefit members at a national level.

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As a NCA Board of Directors At Large member, you are representing specific CERT stakeholders based on your at large designation. Briefly describe your relationship with these stakeholders, including your communication channel and how you could represent them accurately.

I currently have direct access to stakeholders in FEMA Region VI as well as folks at headquarters that I am able to connect with when necessary. If local members needed my assistance I would be able to quickly pick up the phone or shoot a quick email to the state program manager as well as FEMA representatives.

To the NCA Election Committee,

Uryan Nelson is a longtime partner of the R6 Community Preparedness Working Group and a former TX CERT Program Manager who currently serves as the Planning and Regional Services Division Director of the Central TX Council of Governments. Uryan is a proven leader, tireless team player and understands the value and potential of CERT from the local, state and regional levels. I highly recommend him for one of the two Region 6 At Large Volunteer Support/Service Board of Director positions.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks,

Bill Bischof
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