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Speaker Bio

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PRESENTER BIO: Dan Commons is the U.S. Department of Education (Department) office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and director of Enterprise Cybersecurity Group. FSA administers the federal student financial aid programs, which each year provides more than \$120 billion in federal grants, loans, and work-study funds to approximately 10 million students at nearly 6,000 participating schools. In total, FSA manages a federal student loan portfolio valued at \$1.5 trillion representing more than 43 million customers.

With more than 37 years of federal service and 22 years of information assurance experience, Mr. Commons is recognized as a cybersecurity expert providing a broad-based set of skills encompassing the full spectrum of financial, acquisition, program management, and cybersecurity technical skills. He was recognized as a 2018 Cybersecurity Leader of the Year by FedScoop and the 2019 Pinnacle Award winner for Cybersecurity Government Executive of the Year.