

Organizational Information	Response
<i>Organization Name</i>	Hatstand, a Synechron Company
<i>Organization Sector</i>	Consulting
<i>Organization Size</i>	6000
<i>Organization Website</i>	synechron.com
<i>Organization Background</i>	We are consulting firm that would assist our clients in the implementation of a cybersecurity framework. We cover three main verticles, consulting, technology and digital. Our clients are in the financial service sector.
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#	Question Text	Response Text	References
1	Describe your organization and its interest in the CSF?	We assist our clients with implementing a cybersecurity framework and will assess them against their implementation capabilities/maturity level based on the FFIEC model or other assessment model as desired.	
2	Overall, would you welcome the creation of a certification scheme to the CSF using ISO 27001 as a base?	Yes.	
3	Overall, would you welcome the creation of a certification scheme to the CSF using other standards as a base?	We are agnostic as to the based use and will leverage what ever framework our clients prefer.	
4	Would your organization consider certification to a scheme for the CSF?	Yes. This will lend us credibility in the eyes of our clients to help them implement a cybersecurity framework.	
5	Does your organization currently use ISO 27001 to manage your information security?	No	
6	Does your organization currently use ISO 27001 to help evaluate the security of other organizations?	No	
7	Is your organization currently certified to ISO 27001?	No	
8	If you are a user of the framework, do you self-declare effective application of the framework elements? If yes, what method have you used?	Not a user	
9	What other standards, guidelines, best practices, and tools are you using to understand, measure, and manage information security risk at management, operational, and technical levels?	For clients, we are currently offering to measure them against the FFIEC cybersecurity risk assessment model, or for smaller financial service firms we have created a risk assessment from the SEC exam guidelines that link back to the NIST standards.	
10	What do you see as the greatest challenges to developing a certification scheme to the CSF?	Getting consensus across the industry	
11	What possible advantages would you see in such a certification?	This will lend us credibility in the eyes of our clients to help them implement a cybersecurity framework. It can also possibly create a barrier to entry in that firms will need to have this minimum level of qualification. This will give firms who do certify a competitive edge.	
12	What possible disadvantages or limitations would you see in such a certification?	The amount of time that will be required to achieve the certification	
13	What sector-specific needs need to be taken into account?	I think this can be sector agnostic, but rather should have some variance based on small - large firms. Small firms will not have the same digital footprint as the larger firms, nor have as many complexities in terms of branches, points of access, on line portals,etc.	
14	What can the role of sector-specific agencies and related sector coordinating councils be in developing and promoting the use of such a certification?	Typcally in the financial services realm they will recommend firms becoming certified and following the frameworks, and engaging with third parties who have done the same.	
15	If your supplier held such a certification, would you consider such a certification in lieu of an internal self-assessment or answering a lengthy questionnaire?	No, I would request a copy of the latest certification in order to understand their current capability or maturity level in this space.	
16	What other outreach efforts would be helpful in developing such a certification?	I would connect with the various agencies who have created risk assessment models for cyber security, like FFIEC and HKMA (to be launched late 2016), to have this included in their models. Likewise including industry organizations like IOSCO would be very helpful to syndicate the initiative.	
17	Please provide any other comments/questions you may have.		