

Candidate Statement for Alamo ISSA Officer Board Member

Board Position: Director Cyber Leader Forum

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Current Job Title/ Description: Chief Security Officer – SVP
Rackspace Technology

Bio Description (Experience: ISSA/InfoSec/Other organizations):

Karen is the Chief Security Officer- SVP at Rackspace where she leads, develops, and implements the Enterprise Cyber, Compliance and Physical Security strategies.

Karen brings extensive knowledge and experience to the information security practice in developing strategic and innovative approaches to manage security risk. Most recently she served as Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for International and PayFlex businesses at Aetna/CVS Health. Her role included the areas of Data Protection, Policy Management, Sales Support and Audit. She was responsible for developing, communicating, and implementing strategies for the deployment of information security across the Enterprise.

Prior to joining Aetna/CVS Health, Karen was Managing Director at Citigroup, where she built and led a global team to administer access across Citi's global network and enterprise. Her responsibilities included developing and implementing transformation projects, addressing risk and regulatory commitments, and implementing process re-engineering solutions to increase operational efficiencies, improve customer relationships and reduce overall costs, while maintaining a customer-centric approach.

Karen has worked for Barclays, Wells Fargo, IBM and American Express. She has over 20 years focused in the practice of Information security. Along with her information security expertise, she has in depth working experience in technology, and operational re-engineering. She has led global, multicultural teams across the financial and technology services.

Karen graduated from Arizona State University, with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. She has been a senior member of Information Security Operating Committees. She is involved in Women and Security Technology forums. She resides in San Antonio, Texas with her husband.

Statement of Interest: My interest in this role is to share my 20+ years' experience in Cyber Security and discuss current cyber topics with likeminded security professionals

Goals if elected to position:

- Provide a safe space where security professionals can openly share issues/concerns they are dealing with and utilize this group to discuss.
- Facilitate conversation and discussions on security topics impacting Security enterprises today.