

About Our Presenter

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Cyber and Personal Privacy Security

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Ms. Heather Nickerson serves as Red Five's Chief Growth & Strategy Officer (CGSO) and President of Red Five Privacy Labs. She uses her breadth and depth of expertise to evolve partnerships and lead business development across all corporate units in partnership with the CEO, COO, and other Red Five leadership.

Prior to her current role, Ms. Nickerson served as Red Five's Executive Vice President (EVP) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) where she developed corporate growth strategies and doubled the company's gross revenue in three years in concert with the CEO. Before joining Red Five, Ms. Nickerson served as an intelligence analyst with the Central Intelligence Agency. During her tenure, Ms. Nickerson researched and drafted hundreds of assessments for a variety of senior policy makers, including the President, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, and Secretary of the Treasury. She also frequently briefed Cabinet-level officials and members of Congress.

In one of her final assignments, Ms. Nickerson completed a two-year tour on a historic and high profile Presidential Executive Order Task Force. Ms. Nickerson's expertise, initiative, and judgment were essential to ensuring the Agency's equities were fairly represented throughout the intelligence community. She also had a lead role in explaining and interpreting the intelligence reporting for the intelligence and policy communities.

Ms. Nickerson also served a four-month war zone tour as the lead intelligence briefer/advisor to the Commanding General in country. She significantly expanded and restructured the Agency's support provided to the Commanding General and his most

senior staff. In recognition of her initiative, she received an award for “outstanding service to her country” from the Director of the CIA.

Prior to joining the CIA, Ms. Nickerson was a research analyst with the Department of Homeland Security’s Lessons Learned Information Sharing project. She also briefly served as a political affairs officer in the Justice and Home Affairs section of the Delegation of the European Commission in Washington, DC.

Ms. Nickerson holds a B.A. in International Relations from Brown University and a Masters of Economics from the London School of Economics with a concentration in European Governance. She is a member of the Economic Club of Washington, DC, and serves on the Board of the Association for Corporate Growth, National Capitol Region.