Panel: Perils, Problems and Triumphs in Security eLearning

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She is the lead author of "The Official (ISC)2 Guide to the CISSP Exam" (2004), which is a reference for professionals in the information system security field studying for the Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP) exam. Her second book "The Official (ISC)2 Guide to the ISSEP CBK" (2006) is a comprehensive guide to the Information Systems Security Engineering Model for designing and developing secure information systems within the federal government. Ms. Hansche has written numerous articles on information system security and training topics and has given many presentations at conferences and seminars. susan.hansche@state.gov

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She has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Resource Management degree from Troy State University, and a Master of Arts degree in Biblical Counseling from Trinity Theological Seminary. She is a CISSP and earned the Master Training Specialist designation while serving as a Navy Instructor. In her current position with RSIS as a Technical Consultant, she is a vital part of the NASA IT Security Awareness and Training Center team which supports over 55,000 users across the Agency.

Philosophy/Goal of e-learning: As with any type of training, our goal is always to cover needed gaps in knowledge, skills, and abilities in order to enable our learners to accomplish the work needed to support the Agency's missions. E-learning is used to do this for more people and less money and enables the information to be available at any time from anywhere. Gretchen.a.morris@grc.nasa.gov
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