

## Biography - Mary Dickerson



Mary Dickerson is Assistant Vice-President/Assistant Vice-Chancellor for IT Security and serves as Chief Information Security Officer for the University of Houston and the University of Houston System. As CISO, she is responsible for strategic planning and implementation of information security practices, encompassing a range of activities from compliance to technical forensics. In her role, she also serves the University as a subject matter expert for the media on information security matters. Ms. Dickerson's previous roles include IT Project Manager responsible for PCI Compliance for the University of Houston System as well as multiple enterprise projects and initiatives. In 2008, Ms. Dickerson was named to the PCI Knowledge Base "Panel of Experts."

Ms. Dickerson has a Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University and an MBA from the University of Houston, Bauer College of Business. She is a Spring 2016 graduate of the Center for Houston's Future Leadership Forum and is an active member in a variety of professional organizations. Ms. Dickerson holds a variety of industry certifications including: Project Management Professional (PMP), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) and Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) as well as multiple FEMA National Information Management System (NIMS) certifications. A 19-year member of the Nassau Bay Volunteer Fire Department, Ms. Dickerson is also an Accredited Basic Firefighter for the State of Texas.

Ms. Dickerson served as Chair of the Texas Cybersecurity, Education and Economic Development Council (TCEEDC) originally established in 2011 by Texas Senate Bill 988, and is currently Vice-Chair of its successor, the Texas Cybersecurity Council. She is also currently serving on the Greater Houston Partnership Cybersecurity Task Force, the FBI InfraGard Houston Chapter Board of Directors, the Texas CISO Council Leadership Team and the Eastwood Academy Cybersecurity Advisory Board, as well as other information security advisory committees, boards and special interest groups.