



Trellix

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Public role source revisited. Employer/self sources and association/event biographies are distinguished; direct role acceptance is not established. **Current-role source**

Direct business email and telephone: not publicly verified.

LinkedIn profile | Named professional biography / public route

Work base: Not established from reviewed sources. Actual work base, DC access and willingness require direct confirmation.

Recommendation and rationale

Hold for own commentary/individual priorities. Operating security role reported at Trellix, but thin commentary; colleague testimony must not be assigned to Soto.

Research rank #42 - Further development. Final research recommendation for this pass; ISA selection and outreach approval pending.

Company capacity and proposed benefit

Company reported more than 40,000 customers in 2024; current leadership appointment is verified. Customer reach is not annual revenue. **Source:** www.trellix.com

Proposed company benefit: Test whether Trellix internal assurance produces decision-useful evidence; no commercial or sponsorship return is assumed.

Proposed executive benefit: Compare his business-partnership approach with senior peers and director expectations.

What This Recruit Could Add to ISA

Develop a vendor-neutral enterprise assurance case linking transparent security reporting and Customer Zero validation to business decisions. **Source:** www.trellix.com

Handbook connection: Tool K 66-68. Proposed output and benefits require agreement. **Source:** www.nacdonline.org

Introduction and next decision

No named introducer established. ISA to designate an approved contact route; no private relationship inferred.

ISA to reconcile account status and route; then validate current remit, contribution, corporate payer and participation directly.

Policy history and board-selection fit

Policy evidence gap: Reviewed commentary supports an operating or governance perspective, but attributable testimony, formal policy input or a government advisory role has not been verified in this pass.

No additional authoritative policy-history evidence was established in the deeper check. This is an evidence gap, not proof of no policy involvement.

Benchmark: ISA recommendations, current ISA board practitioner profile, operating authority, company capacity, attributable policy work, concrete contribution, and portfolio balance. Corporate directorship alone does not determine priority.

Qualification status and ownership

Requirement	Evidence and remaining confirmation
Current role	Public role support; recheck directly before contact; direct confirmation pending.
ISA membership	Unknown current company/account and designated-representative status. Public board absence does not establish nonmembership.
Eligibility	Operating practitioner fit supported by research. ISA acceptance and employer designation pending.
Board feedback / introducer	No named introducer established. Introduction completion: not confirmed.
Corporate sponsorship	Published annual dues \$75,000; corporate payer, budget approver and written authorization not confirmed.
Executive interest	Not directly confirmed. Published interest in cyber topics is not membership interest.
Time / participation	Four meetings yearly, including two in Washington, DC and two virtual, plus agreed preparation. Availability, travel and term commitment not confirmed.
ISA output and benefits	Person-specific hypotheses documented; prospect and employer acceptance not confirmed.
Portfolio	Industry/expertise rationale assessed. Work base and DC access require direct confirmation.

ISA public board / meeting baseline | Bylaws | Published sponsorship

1631 owns researched case and source accuracy; ISA owns current membership/eligibility/introducer decision; employer/prospect must confirm funding, interest, availability and proposed output.

Image and contact provenance

Portrait: Exact named source asset; manually selected. Source: www.trellix.com

Company mark: Current employer website brand asset Source: www.trellix.com

Attributable commentary and evidence ledger

1 / 10 substantive sightings recorded. Depth target remains open; no biographies, awards or duplicate syndications added to fill the gap.

1. Trellix Expands Leadership Team to Accelerate Growth and Cyber Resilience - STG

August 24, 2026 | Employer appointment announcement with directly attributed Soto remarks [Source: www.trellix.com](https://www.trellix.com)

Soto emphasizes security as a business partnership, transparent operation and a program the team supports. The employer assigns enterprise security and Customer Zero stewardship.

Attribution / limitation: One appointment announcement. The attributed statement strengthens the contribution hypothesis, but does not establish sustained policy activity, ISA interest or sufficient outreach depth.

Prior ISA webinar engagement - supplied roster

Matched in ISA Webinar Attendees.xlsx, attendees.csv, row 90. Exact LinkedIn URL and supplied name/title reviewed; categorized FINAL v3 and v5 corroborate the row.

Supplied title: Board Member

Supplied organization: Orange County CISO Roundtable. Registration does not establish current ISA membership, sponsorship interest or event attendance.

Individual webinar dates, repeat registrations, attendance and questions are not included in this source. Not counted toward ten substantive sightings.