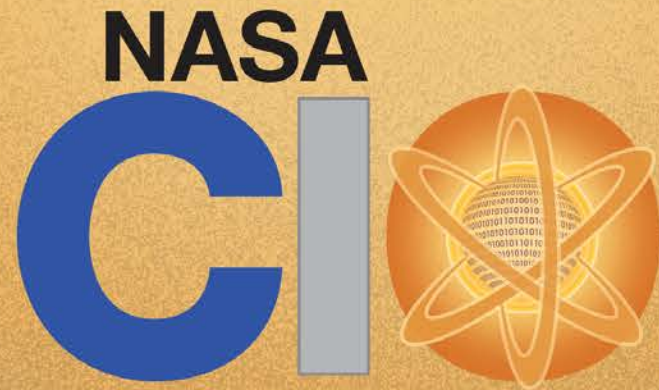




# Managing NASA Cybersecurity



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# NASA's Mission and IT Strategy

## NASA Mission

Drive advances in science, technology, aeronautics, and space exploration to enhance knowledge, education, innovation, economic vitality and stewardship of Earth.

## IT Vision

Manage IT as a strategic resource to securely unleash the power of data.

## IT Mission

Enable the use of data to drive advances in science, technology, aeronautics, and space exploration to enhance knowledge, education, innovation, economic vitality, and stewardship of Earth.

## IT Values

Customer Driven (Responsive, Make IT Easy!) ❖ Continuously Learning (Insight Driven) ❖  
Accountable (Transparent) ❖ Trusted Partner

## IT Goals



**Goal 1: Excellence**  
Partner with customers to consistently deliver excellence and enable mission success.



**Goal 2: Data**  
Capitalize on data management, access, and innovation.



**Goal 3: Cybersecurity**  
Safeguard NASA's data and IT assets.



**Goal 4: Value**  
Maximize business value by optimizing IT.

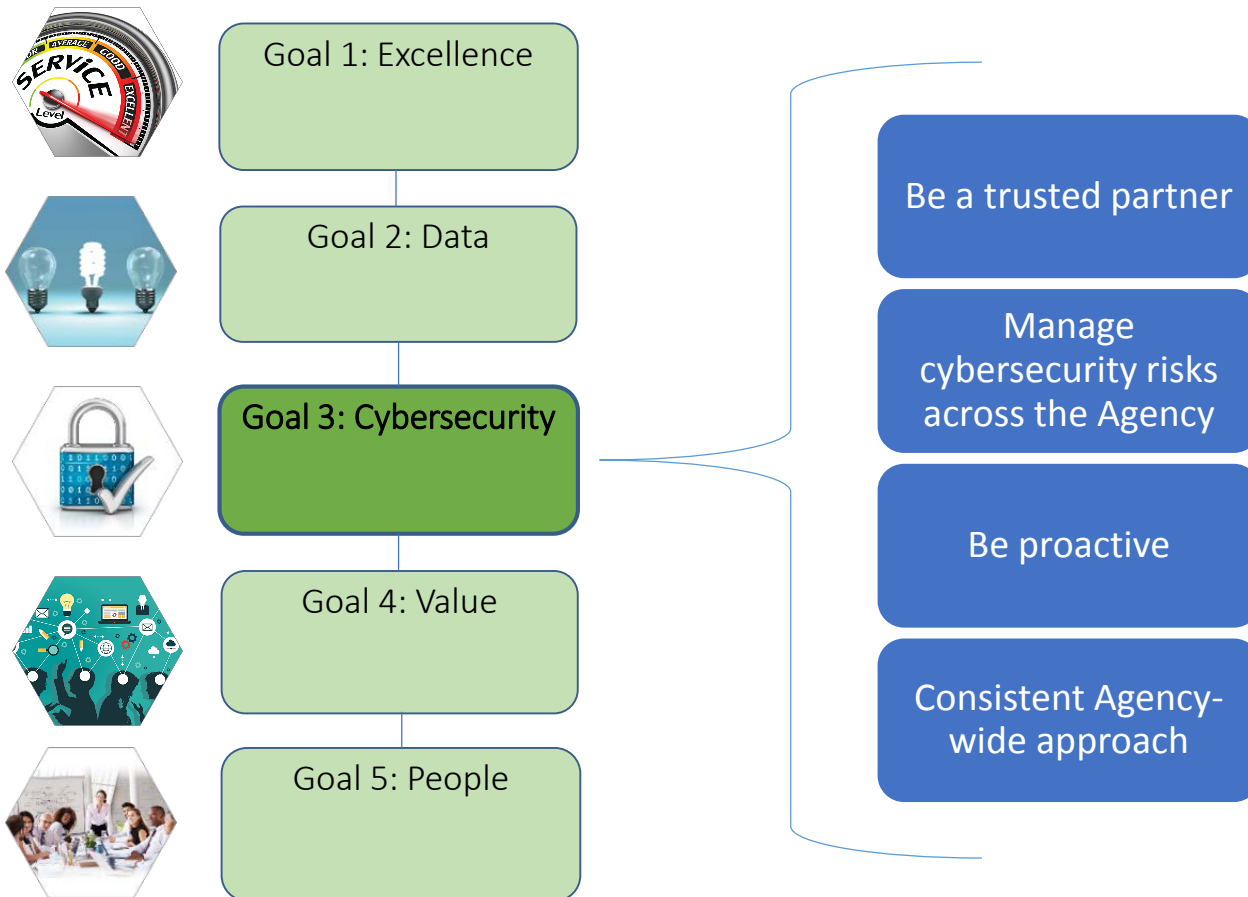


**Goal 5: People**  
Care for our people today and prepare them for tomorrow.



# NASA's Cybersecurity & Privacy Program

## IT Goals and Cybersecurity Value to NASA Mission



- Under the *Federal Information Security Modernization Act* (“FISMA”), federal CIOs are legally responsible for Agency compliance with information security requirements.
- The Agency CIO designates a Senior Agency Information Security Officer (SAISO) to carry out CIO’s cybersecurity responsibilities.
- NASA created the Cybersecurity & Privacy Program to implement Agency cybersecurity across all of its IT domains.



# Challenges to NASA Cybersecurity

- **Technology**

- IT must be secured across all environments in which NASA operates—including space
  - *How do we protect cutting edge technology?*

- **Customer Service**

- NASA has customers in private and public sectors, and internationally
  - *How do we ensure transparency?*
  - *How do we get right data to right customer, with correct protections in place?*

- **Governance**

- Eleven distinct NASA Centers across U.S., plus international facilities
  - *How to implement cybersecurity strategy consistently across broad range of stakeholders?*





# Cybersecurity Accomplishments

NASA has made great strides in cybersecurity in recent years, including through:

- Moving our Security Operations Center from a reactive stance to a proactive posture
- Active Red Teaming and Phishing exercises across all NASA Centers
- Increased enforcement of multifactor authentication
- Implementation of intrusion prevention systems
- Implementation of unauthorized hardware alerts
- Improved High Value Asset network segmentation
- Improved access management through an automated, dynamic solution that tracks access and privilege levels
- Mobile device management, including the capability to remotely wipe lost or stolen devices

Moving forward, NASA continues to implement a cybersecurity strategy that will secure NASA data, enable data transfer to help further scientific discovery, and enhance NASA's mission and capabilities.



# Questions