Justification Letter

Subject: Request to Attend Cloud Security & Compliance Series (CS2) Tampa

Dear [Decision Maker's Name],

As a professional dedicated to staying on top of the latest cyberthreats and best practices to protect our organization and meet federal requirements, please consider my proposal to attend CS2 Tampa, The CMMC Industry event for DoD contractors, in Tampa, FL, on March 22nd and 23rd, 2022.

CS2, or the Cloud Security and Compliance Series, is an ongoing informational series for contractors in the Defense Industrial Base looking to meet federal compliance mandates as required by the Department of Defense. Areas of focus for CS2 events include, but are not limited to:

- CMMC 2.0
- NIST 800-171
- The DFARS 70 Series (7012, 7019, 7020)

- ITAR regulations
- Handling CUI and FCI
- and much more

These events are specifically curated towards aerospace and defense contractors and those in higher education institutions looking for practical approaches to address security threats, invest in the culture of cybersecurity for their organization, and glean best practices for their cloud investments.

CS2 events advance the knowledge and skills of professionals by providing two days of thought-leading education and pragmatic application. Attending would benefit our organization and contribute to my professional development as I would be privy to the following:

- **Comprehensive educational sessions and collaboration with other cyber professionals –** I will gain insights from industry-recognized experts on critically important issues and how those issues relate to our organization.
- **Opportunities for high-level networking –** I will enhance our company's profile by developing new relationships with contacts at the event.
- **Professional development –** I will have the opportunity to further my understanding of the strict cyber requirements we must follow as a contractor / higher ed researcher.

Approximate Cost to Attend: $949 in-state driving / $1149 flying

- Two nights at the Renaissance Tampa Hotel with CS2 event discounted rate- $229 per night with taxes and fees
- Event cost - $149 (first-round registration)
- Estimated travel costs - $200 driving / $400 flying, roundtrip
- Estimated incidentals - $100

My attendance at CS2 Tampa is a smart investment of time and resources that will deliver real value to our organization. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
[Name]