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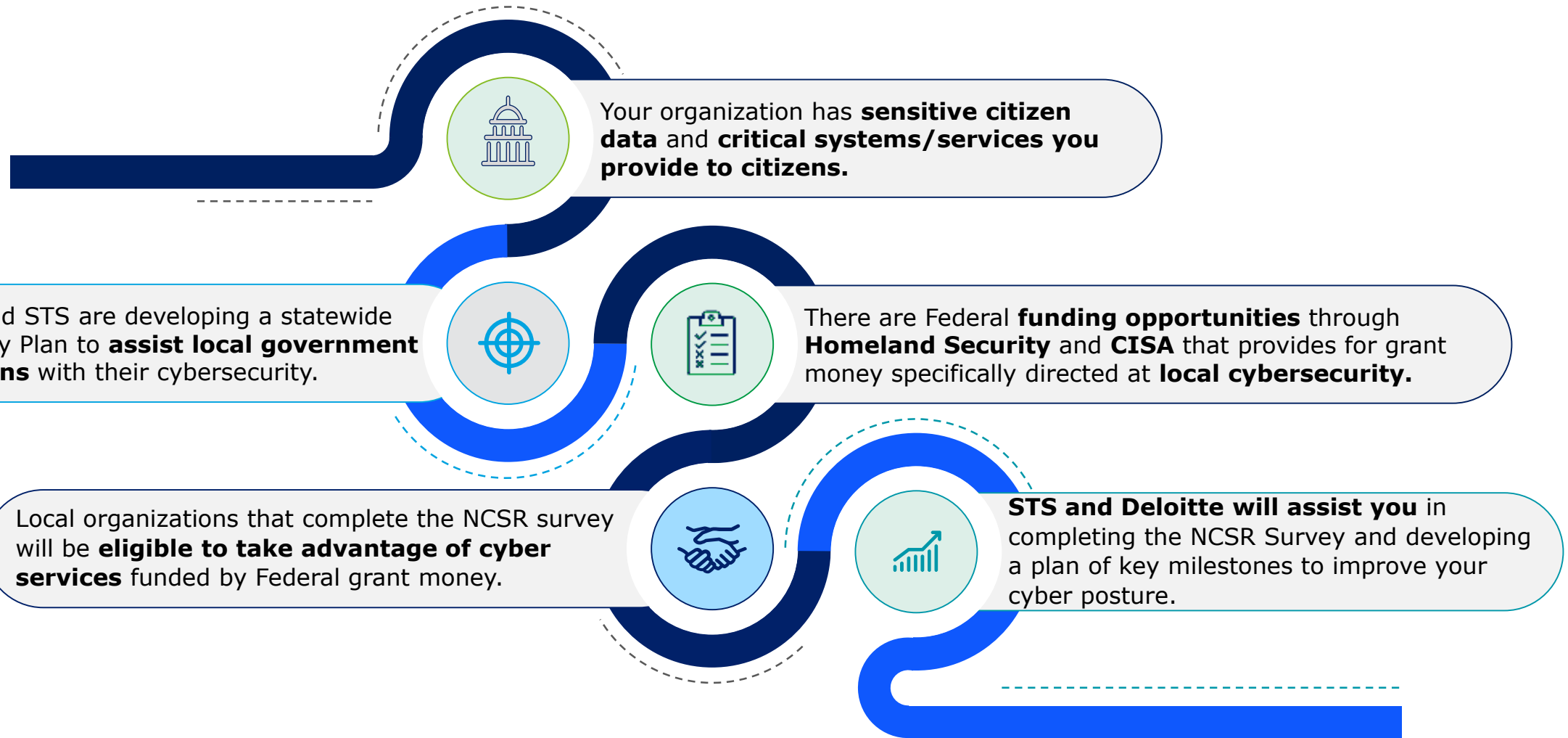


**State of Tennessee**  
**Strategic Technology Solutions (STS)**  
Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR)  
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# The State of TN is Prepared to Help with Cybersecurity





# What is the NCSR and How Can We Help Your Organization?



## What is the NCSR?

The NCSR is a **no-cost, anonymous, annual self-assessment** to help organizations **improve their cybersecurity maturity**.

All state agencies, local governments (and departments), and educational institutions are encouraged to participate!

The **Tennessee NCSR project** is sponsored by the **Governor's Cyber Security Advisory Council** and led by **CIO Stephanie Dedmon** and **CISO Curtis Clan**.



## What is the Purpose of the NCSR?

The NCSR is designed to help organizations **identify areas for improvement and capabilities** in their cybersecurity maturity in alignment with the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework (NIST CSF).

Visit [Cybersafetn.gov](https://Cybersafetn.gov) and [ciscurity.org/ms-isac](https://ciscurity.org/ms-isac) for additional resources!



## Participation Benefits

**Receive no-cost support in completing the NCSR** and access to suggested corrective actions, eligibility for **future State and Federal funded support**, and resources to improve your cybersecurity maturity.

Receive metrics specific to your organization to **identify areas of improvement, prioritize next steps, and measure year-to-year progress**.



## Getting Started

Are you interested in participating or have questions? **Contact our team at [NCSR@tn.gov](mailto:NCSR@tn.gov)**

STS will provide guidance to your organization through **webinars, check-ins, working sessions, and office hours**.

Registration in the no-cost, **MS-ISAC® Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center®** is highly encouraged to help your organization stay up-to-date on the latest cybersecurity news. [ciscurity.org/ms-isac](https://ciscurity.org/ms-isac)





# Frequently Asked Questions About the NCSR

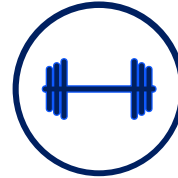
## What are the NCSR questions like?

NCSR questions are based on industry leading standards (NIST CSF) and are intended to be answered by organizations of all maturity levels



## How will the NCSR help my organization?

A better understanding of your cybersecurity maturity, suggested corrective actions to further improve, remediation support down the road, and eligibility to benefit from activities funded by TN



## What is the Level of Effort expected?

The estimated time to complete the NCSR survey is 4 to 8 hours



## What support will be provided?

We are here to help along the way – we will provide webinars, FAQs, video guides, and office hours to support you!



# Your Organization's NCSR Journey with STS

The steps your organization will take for successful completion of the NCSR will follow the process outlined below:



## NCSR Interest Form

The NCSR Interest Form is designed to **provide the STS NCSR team with a better understanding of your organization** and its current maturity in cybersecurity.

This enables our team to provide you with the appropriate level of support throughout the NCSR process.



## NCSR Offline Survey

The NCSR Offline Survey **prepares your organization for the annual NCSR survey.**

The Survey can be used year-round, replicates each of the NCSR questions with additional guidance, and is used by STS to create tailored Plans of Action & Milestones (POA&Ms) that identify areas of improvement & suggested corrective actions.



## Plan of Action & Milestones

Your organization will receive a **Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M)** that identifies areas of **improvement** and suggested corrective actions.

The plan identifies tasks that need to be accomplished and the resources required to accomplish the various elements of the plan.



## NCSR Survey

The online annual **NCSR Survey is available for access between October and February.**

With a completed NCSR Offline Survey in hand, participating organizations can create an account and complete the NCSR survey online. The STS NCSR team will be available for support as needed.



# We Are Here To Help

We look forward to partnering with you in the completion of the NCSR. Below are some of the support opportunities that are available for your organization:



## Webinars

The Assessment Team will share NCSR process information that will be provided to several organizations at a scheduled point in time (*sessions will be recorded and accessible to organizations*).



## Office Hours

OPTIONAL

**OPTIONAL:** Organizations will join a Teams conference bridge (utilizing breakout rooms to ensure confidentiality where necessary) allow NCSR related questions without having to wait for individually scheduled check-ins enabling the organization to continue completing their NCSR survey.



## Status Check-Ins

An e-mail or one-on-one virtual meeting (depending on progress of NCSR completion) with an organization to discuss status, progress update, and/or answer or gather any questions related to the process.



## Working Sessions

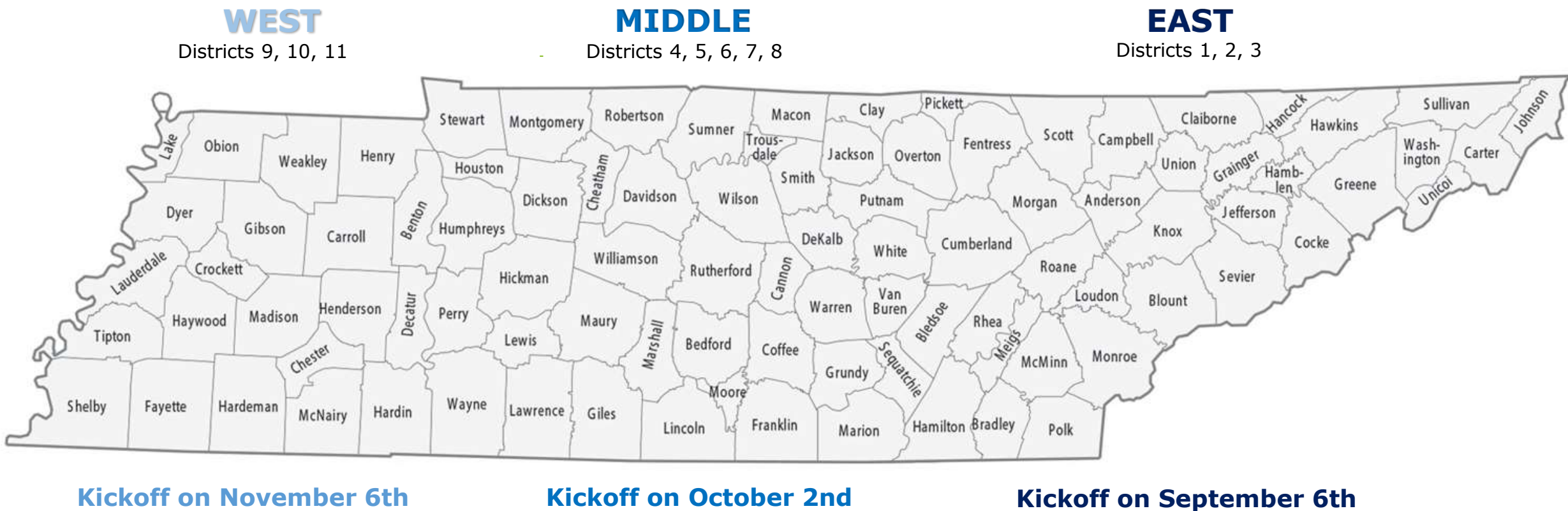
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**OPTIONAL:** For organizations requiring additional support, or those with limited IT resources, one-on-one virtual working sessions are available to work through the NCSR highlighting areas of question and/or concern.



# Regional NCSR Engagement Outlook

Local organizations that complete the NCSR will be eligible to take advantage of cyber services funded by Federal grant money. To achieve this, STS will work with local organizations in a phased, regional approach, detailed below.



**Note:** In the event an organization in a later sprint would like to participate in an earlier sprint, our NCSR team will accommodate those requests.



# Next Steps For Your Organization



## Now – Express Your Interest

Complete the NCSR Interest Form to express your interest in participating! Go to [Cybersafetn.gov](https://Cybersafetn.gov) to download the survey, complete it with your information, and send to [NCSR@TN.gov](mailto:NCSR@TN.gov)



## Next – Participate in the NCSR for Your Organization

Keep an eye out for emails from [NCSR@TN.gov](mailto:NCSR@TN.gov) which will include next steps for your organization to complete the NCSR!

Do you have questions? Contact our team at **[ncsr@tn.gov](mailto:ncsr@tn.gov)**