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Synagro's Norman Whitelaw Named Winner in Top Global CISOs for 2026 by Cyber Defense Magazine



Norman Whitelaw Is a 2026 Top Global CISO Winner in Cyber Defense Magazine's 14th Annual Awards, Demonstrating the Impact of His Leadership and Synagro's Commitment to Cybersecurity Excellence

BALTIMORE, October 29, 2026 – [Synagro Technologies, Inc.](#), North America's leading provider of sustainable solutions for biosolids, organics and residuals, today announced that our Chief Information and Security Officer, Norman Whitelaw, has been named a winner in the Top Global CISOs Awards for 2026, sponsored annually by Cyber Defense Magazine.

Whitelaw competed against thousands of candidates for this prestigious award. Judges look at these candidates, searching for the most innovative, with unparalleled success in communicating with their boards and senior level executives, detecting and stopping breaches and data loss, complying with regulations and building powerful risk-reduction programs for their organizations.

Chief Information Security Officers are the first responders of cyberspace and deserve to be recognized for their tremendous achievements as they fend off cyber criminals, cyber terrorists, malicious insiders and nation state sponsored attacks. For years they have been considered operating cost centers while helping corporations avert disasters that could put them out of business. They work tirelessly to allow companies to grow, expand and increase potential profits by managing and mitigating major risks and regulatory compliance issues on a day-to-day basis.

"We're pleased to name Norman Whitelaw as a winner among a small, elite group of information security professionals of our Top Global CISOs Awards for 2026, celebrating with them and announcing winners at [CyberDefenseCon 2026](#)," said Gary Miliefsky, Publisher, Cyber Defense Magazine.

"We are thrilled to see Norman Whitelaw achieve this status as our leading cyber defender," said Bob Preston, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Synagro. "Safeguarding our organization against cyber threats is one of the most critical responsibilities we face, and Norman has led that effort with vision and excellence. This recognition highlights the impact of his leadership, the strength of our cybersecurity program and the talented team he has cultivated to help Synagro remain resilient, secure and positioned for sustainable growth." ... [more](#)

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About Synagro

Synagro Technologies, Inc. is North America's leading provider of sustainable solutions for biosolids, organics and residuals. We offer a comprehensive suite of environmental services to help ensure water quality, support regenerative agriculture and promote circularity. With the most experienced team in the industry, Synagro leverages innovative technologies to help our customers clean water, increase organics recycling and have a net positive impact on people and the planet. Visit www.synagro.com to learn more.

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About Cyber Defense Awards

This is Cyber Defense Magazine's 14th year of honoring cybersecurity innovators, in this case the Top Global CISOs for 2026, on our Cyber Defense Awards platform. In this competition, judges for these and other prestigious awards includes cybersecurity industry veterans, trailblazers and market makers Gary Miliefsky of CDMG, Dr. Lindsey Polley de Lopez of VentureScope, Katie Gray of In-Q-Tel, Robert R. Ackerman Jr. of Allegis Cyber, Ron Gula, President, Gula Tech Adventures, Ira Winkler of CruiseCon, Dino Boukouris of AltitudeCyber and with much appreciation to emeritus judges Robert Herjavec of Cyderes, Dr. Peter Stephenson of CDMG and David DeWalt of NightDragon. Visit us online at <https://www.cyberdefenseawards.com>.

About Cyber Defense Magazine

Cyber Defense Magazine was founded in 2012 by Gary S. Miliefsky, globally recognized cyber security thought leader, inventor and entrepreneur and continues to be the premier source of IT Security information. We are managed and published by and for ethical, honest, passionate information security professionals. Our mission is to share cutting-edge knowledge, real-world stories and awards on the best ideas, products and services in the information technology industry. We deliver electronic magazines every month online for free, and limited special editions exclusively for the RSAC, BlackHat and Cyber Defense Conferences. Learn more about us at <http://www.cyberdefensemagazine.com>. Cyber Defense Magazine is a proud member of the Cyber Defense Media Group.

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