Federal Cybersecurity Training Needs 'Out-of-the-box Thinking'

Why not turn to the crowd for some ideas?

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The federal acquisition process can be the largest challenge to innovation in government and the best team for innovation consists of inventors, technologists and entrepreneurs. Because federal cybersecurity innovation must address people and processes, effective cybertraining becomes a leadership issue.

According to Greg Touhill, president of Cyxtera Federal Group and former U.S. chief information security officer, the federal government should have significantly more cybereducation in its senior executive training program. To get the best, creative ideas for the curriculum, he suggests a crowd-sourced contest sponsored by the
federal government, similar to the Crash the Super Bowl effort where consumers submitted their ideas for Doritos ads.

"Out-of-the-box thinking can generate enthusiasm and generate even better ideas," Touhill says.

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