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Chris Townsend is the Vice President of Federal at Symantec where he leads a team of more than 100 people – across sales, engineering, and services – dedicated to helping Federal customers improve their security postures. Chris is committed to recruiting and developing the best talent in the industry and ensuring the team aligns to the unique needs of Symantec's customers and partners.

With nearly 20 years of industry experience, Chris came to Symantec through the acquisition of Blue Coat Systems, where he also served as vice president, federal. He has also held leadership roles at Intel Security, Stonesoft (acquired by Intel Security), and Cisco Systems. Chris holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh. He lives in Purcellville, Virginia, with his wife and two children.