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Kathy Cruz is a Director in KPMG's Technology Enablement Practice advising government clients on building digital trust through cybersecurity strategies, risk mitigation practices, and strengthened operational controls. Focusing on integrating cybersecurity initiatives throughout the enterprise, she helps clients mature their cybersecurity programs and create the needed flexibility to address the changing cyber landscape. Kathy helps government clients focus to build cyber security resilience for their organizations, supporting business objectives and services to the public.

Previously, Kathy was Senior Advisor to California's State Chief Information Security Officer providing leadership in cybersecurity strategy and major initiatives. With over twenty-five years of experience in both the private and public sector, Kathy is a recognized innovator and leader. As a five-time Chief Information Officer with a customer-centric mindset, she has been instrumental in implementing complex and innovative technical solutions to solve business problems, advance operational efficiency, improve the delivery of products and services and advance business opportunities. Kathy's broad background includes working globally with executives, customers, investors, Board of Directors, and leaders in California state government.

Kathy is the recipient of CIO Magazine 100 Award, recognizing the top 100 CIOs in the U.S. She is also recipient of the Silicon Valley YWCA Tribute to Women in Industry (TWIN) Award. Kathy is a Board member of the Gentle Barn Foundation headquartered in Santa Clarita, CA, a past Board Member of the Career Action Center in San Jose, CA, and a former member of Golden Gate University School of Technology and Industry Executive Advisory Board. While an executive in Silicon Valley, Kathy attended Stanford University Executive Institute for Management of Technology Companies. Kathy also serves as an Ensign in the California State Guard, Cyber Operations Detachment.

