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Joey Johnson joins acceligence as Executive Advisor to connect cybersecurity leadership with enterprise growth

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Cybersecurity has become an increasingly important part of how organizations grow, innovate, and earn the confidence of their customers. As technology reshapes business models and introduces new opportunities, executive leaders must build security and resilience capabilities that can evolve alongside the enterprise.

Few leaders understand that relationship as deeply as Joey Johnson, who has joined acceligence as an Executive Advisor. With more than 25 years of experience spanning cybersecurity, enterprise transformation, and technology leadership, Joey brings an operator's perspective shaped by helping organizations navigate significant growth, complex business change, and emerging technology opportunities.

During 16 years at Premise Health, Joey served as Chief Information Security Officer and a senior enterprise leader, helping guide the organization from approximately $40 million in annual revenue to a multibillion-dollar healthcare enterprise. Through strategic acquisitions, private equity recapitalizations, and significant operational expansion, he helped build the cybersecurity, risk management, and technology capabilities necessary to support the organization's growth.

His contributions extended well beyond traditional security responsibilities. Joey played leadership roles in enterprise strategy, technology modernization, product development, and organizational transformation. His work included consolidating hundreds of clinical locations onto a unified electronic medical records platform, advancing cloud and identity governance capabilities, and helping form and guide the enterprise AI strategy and multidisciplinary AI Center of Excellence. Throughout these initiatives, he emphasized the importance of connecting technology investment, organizational capabilities, and risk management to measurable business outcomes.

"Joey represents the kind of cybersecurity leadership that is increasingly important to the future of enterprise transformation," said Justin Greis, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of acceligence. "He has experienced firsthand what it takes to scale an organization, integrate acquisitions, modernize technology, and build resilience while the business continues to evolve. What makes his perspective particularly valuable is his understanding that cybersecurity can contribute directly to growth, customer confidence, and competitive advantage."

Joey’s experience also includes serving as Chief Security Officer for the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Office of Computer Services and holding technology and security leadership roles supporting federal government and critical aviation infrastructure. Beyond his corporate leadership, he has advised industry-recognized AI and cybersecurity venture capital firms, investors, and emerging technology companies on product strategy, market positioning, and enterprise adoption.

His work has earned extensive industry recognition, including being named to the HotTopics Global CISO 100 in 2026 and the CISOs Connect Top 100 Global CISOs from 2020 through 2026. He has also contributed to cybersecurity leadership communities and industry organizations, including Cyber Risk Alliance and Health-ISAC, and recently earned the Certified AI Security Officer (CAISO) credential from CISO Network.

For acceligence, Joey’s addition brings valuable experience to engagements involving cybersecurity strategy, enterprise risk, technology transformation, AI governance, and executive leadership. His background offers clients practical insight into building capabilities that scale, aligning security with business priorities, and navigating the organizational decisions that accompany meaningful transformation.

“Over the course of my career, I’ve seen how much stronger organizations become when cybersecurity is connected to the broader ambitions of the business,” said Joey Johnson. “The greatest opportunities come when leaders bring together technology, risk, strategy, and people to build something that can grow and adapt. I’m excited to join acceligence and work alongside a team that shares that perspective, helping organizations turn complex challenges into opportunities for lasting impact.”

Joey’s leadership philosophy also reflects a longstanding commitment to developing people and building high-performing teams. From mentoring emerging cybersecurity leaders to fostering organizational cultures grounded in accountability and collaboration, he recognizes that sustainable transformation depends on the capabilities and commitment of the people responsible for delivering it.

As organizations confront accelerating AI adoption, evolving cyber threats, and growing expectations for resilience, Joey brings a perspective grounded in the realities of enterprise leadership. His experience strengthens acceligence’s ability to help executives make confident decisions, develop scalable capabilities, and create lasting business value through technology and cybersecurity.