MetaMythic Earns Third International Award with a Prestigious Learning Technologies Award

MetaMythic Wins International Learning Technologies Award for Best use of learning technologies to ensure compliance.

London, United Kingdom December 5, 2016 — The 2016 winners of the International Learning Technologies Awards (formerly E-Learning Awards) have been announced. MetaMythic was honored with an award in the "Best use of learning technologies to ensure compliance" category. The distinction of winning this award further establishes MetaMythic's initial product, CIP Defender, as the pre-eminent CIP training in the energy industry today – a phenomenal feat for a product publicly launched less than one year ago.

"Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) standards are exacting and often tedious to the power-grid employees who most need to implement them. But this project adopted an immersive approach to what could have been a dry regulatory compliance course creating CIP Defender, a visually explosive e-learning adventure in which learners protect our vital power grid utilities from extra-terrestrial robot invaders. To connect with the physical facilities they protect in the real world, learners create and

customize a virtual facility, see the real impact of cyber-attack, and then add CIP defenses to protect the facility against future threats. A fresh and engaging approach placing the learner at the heart of the story."

— eLearning Network, Learning Technologies Awards

MetaMythic shares the success of its awards with its current clients: utilities and energy system operators committed to transformative employee engagement including key early adopter Arizona Public Service. The winning product, CIP Defender, utilizes a unique form of immersive storytelling developed by MetaMythic – Applied Fiction – to establish record-levels of engagement when training employees to defend the power system from cyber and physical security threats. The training empowers employees to defend a facility from attacks by a fictional enemy modeling real-world attacks using an advanced attack simulator. Through this simulation, the employee learns why cyber security is important, learns necessary skills, and takes personal ownership of protecting their company's infrastructure from the growing array of threats against the North American Bulk Electric System.

"The team at MetaMythic is pleased to accept our third international award. We see this award recognizing a hunger for the training we create – training that engages and transforms people by raising them up to be the heroes our organizations need them to be. With CIP Defender, we're excited to see the utility industry and our customers be recognized for the third time as for being at the forefront of innovation."

— Christopher Lazzaro, CEO, MetaMythic

The Learning Technologes Awards is the leading, independently judged organization in the industry. The judging is coordinated by The eLearning Network and comprises a panel of judges drawn from leading learning and development professionals across the world. Judges evaluate entries based on the following criteria: learning need, strategy, innovation and originality, impact on performance and appropriate use of technology.

A full list of winners can be found on the [Learning Technologies website](#).

About MetaMythic:

For over five years, MetaMythic has helped organizations transform their disengaged employees into cyber-security leaders. MetaMythic is the inventor of the celebrated Applied Fiction process for developing the most transformative and impactful training available. MetaMythic first pioneered immersive instructor-led training in the utility industry and recently released CIP Defender, the revolutionary computer-based learning product covering CIP and cyber-security.

MetaMythic's leadership in this space is the most recognized in the utility industry, with workshops and speaking engagements at 2013 SERC Compliance Workshop, 2014 and 2016 SPP RE Conference, NERC GridSecCon 2015 and 2016, and NERC Human Performance Conference 2014, 2015, and 2016. Winner

of PRINT design award. Winner of Brandon Hall Gold and Silver international learning awards for Best Advance in Custom E-Learning Content and Best Advance in Compliance.

About CIP Defender:

CIP Defender manages the full knowledge lifecycle for employees who must sustain CIP compliance, meeting CIP-004 R1 and R2 compliance requirements. CIP Defender transforms employees through Applied Fiction immersive training in three key areas:

Cyber-Security Training

Defenders learn CIP and role-specific duties by facing the enemy in a sophisticated cyber-attack simulator.

Environmental Awareness

Defenders are equipped where work happens through contextual, story-driven signage, posters, asset tags, and videos.

Personal Equipment

Defenders have knowledge at hand with a comic book style field guide, along with stickers, badges, and other visual aids.

For more information

For more information about CIP Defender, NERC CIP and preventing future cybersecurity threats, or to learn more about MetaMythic, please send an email to *towncrier.of@metamythic.co*

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