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Mr. Dakin is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and holds an M.B.A. with honors from the University of Oklahoma. He is a past president of the FBI's InfraGard program, Denver chapter, and he is a member of a committee hosted by the U.S. Secret Service and organized by the Joint Council on Information Age Crime. Mr. Dakin received the FBI's 2006 Community Citizenship Award from FBI Director Robert Mueller for contributions in the areas of identity theft protection and cyber crime. He is also a qualified security assessor for the Payment Card Industry.