

# NELSON SANTIAGO, PH.D.

## BIO

Nelson has over 10 years of experience in the Information Technology Industry. His recent concentration has taken a turn to Information and Operational Security and Network Vulnerability. He has over 6 certification related to the area of Information Technology and Security. Nelson grew up in the South Bronx, later moved to upstate New York and later moved back to the Bronx and later to Queens, NY. Nelson while in NYC worked with various organizations such as the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, The East Harlem Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, The National Puerto Rican Forum and The National Latin Student Government Association. His diverse work experience has given him the ability to visualize the perception of business from both a Consumer's and Provider's standpoint.

He is the former Queens Borough Coordinator for the Minority Business Opportunity Center (MBOC). MBOC was a program designed for Business Development by the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) to be the first ever "Joint-Borough" (Queens County Economic Development Corporation and the Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation) effort to heighten awareness of business opportunities offered through various government agencies such as the Small Business Administration (SBA). Nelson always kept close reigns on the fast-changing IT world by writing articles for local Tech Magazines and also for On Line Magazines such as Floodgate, Inc. He worked as a Network Engineer for a Medical Malpractice Company and designed and deployed a Wide Area Network between the home office in NY and five Satellite Offices from California to Florida for over 700 employees. He has given many discourses on Business Development as well as recently on Information Security and Network Deployments. Nelson moved to Puerto Rico ONE WEEK before the 9/11 bombings, therefore is convinced that he made the right decision to move to Puerto Rico when he did.

Nelson serves at various different levels within his community as well as wearing different hats as an entrepreneur. Some of his ventures includes the following: Co-founder and of Confide Solutions, Corp. located in Puerto Rico ([www.confidesolutions.com](http://www.confidesolutions.com)), Principal of Ear-Q ([www.ear-q.com](http://www.ear-q.com)), Chairman of the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Broward County Florida ([www.prchamberonline.com](http://www.prchamberonline.com)), co-organizer of the largest Latin Festival in South Florida ([www.prfiestas.com](http://www.prfiestas.com)), Vice Chair of the Diversity Outreach Committee of the Broward County School Board, Co-Founder of LISTA ([www.a-lista.org](http://www.a-lista.org)), on the board of directors and a trainer for iNSIGHT ([www.goinsight.net](http://www.goinsight.net)), Co-Partner of The Honey Project ([www.honeyproject.com](http://www.honeyproject.com)), Technology Editor for InFOCUS Magazine ([www.infocus-mag.com](http://www.infocus-mag.com)) and founder and Chair of Latino Vote 2008 ([www.latinovote2008.org](http://www.latinovote2008.org)). Nelson started public speaking at the age of 12. He currently, occasionally takes part in public speaking at seminars and workshops. Nelson has taken part in Public Speaking for the past ten years that have included the following engagements, a keynote speaker for the National Bar Association speaking about Compliance and SOX, on the speaking network for AT&T Wireless on Security, numerous e-seminar speaking engagements on Counter-terrorism and Operational and IT Security. He has written whitepapers and articles on subjects like entrepreneurship in schools, Leadership for Lawyers, "Social Services to Social Entrepreneurship" & "Communicational Ethics for 2008." Nelson also writes poetry and is currently negotiating the publication of some of his work of over the past 15 years.

Nelson now dedicates himself to speaking publicly as well as private business consulting and coaching for organizations and companies. His recent coaching has embarked into the Dominican Republic as an Entrepreneurship Trainer of Deans & Professors of UNIBE in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

He has a Dual Masters in Computer Science & Psychology and a Ph.D. in Forensic Psychology.