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Hiring Team
Northstar Defense Analytics
Tampa, FL

Dear Hiring Team at Northstar Defense Analytics,

I am applying for the Senior Cyber Security Engineer (Microsoft) ZT position at Northstar Defense Analytics. I bring more than 14 years of cybersecurity experience, an **active DoD TS/SCI Clearance**, a CISSP certification, and a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity. The chance to support **Zero Trust efforts** in a defense mission is a strong fit for my background and interests.

In my current role, I lead Microsoft security engineering across a multi-enclave environment. I connect **Microsoft Sentinel**, Defender, Entra, Purview, and Logic Apps to security operations, then build **UEBA and SOAR workflows** for identity, endpoint, and network events. I tune behavioral thresholds with analysts and turn telemetry into useful actions for **Tier 3 and Tier 4 support**.

My work includes **RMF artifact development**, **ATO lifecycle execution**, and coordination with ISSOs, control owners, assessors, and government customers. I have performed hands-on reviews of Windows servers, Unix hosts, network appliances, and enclave services against **DISA STIG requirements**. I use Python, PowerShell, and Bash for telemetry checks, evidence collection, and configuration reviews.

Northstar Defense Analytics interests me because this role connects visibility and analytics with automation and orchestration. I can bring practical Microsoft engineering, DoW and NSA Zero Trust Guidance experience, clear technical reporting, and a team-first approach to customer support and process improvement.

Thank you for reviewing my application. I look forward to discussing how my experience can support Northstar Defense Analytics and its customer.

Sincerely,

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