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Suzanne Miller: Welcome to the SEI Podcast Series, a production of the Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute. The SEI is a federally funded research and development center sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense and operated by Carnegie Mellon University. A transcript of today's podcast is posted on the SEI website at sei.cmu.edu/podcasts.

My name is Suzanne Miller, I am a principal researcher in the Agile-in-Government program at the SEI. This is part of our series of podcasts highlighting the work of women in software and cybersecurity. Today I am pleased to sit down with

Eileen Wrubel, who, is the initiative lead for the Continuous Lifecycle Solutions Initiative here at the SEI. I should also mention that Eileen is the brainchild behind this podcast series highlighting the work of women. Welcome, Eileen.

Eileen: Responds.

- 1. Suzanne:** OK. I want you to start by having you tell us about yourself and your work here at the SEI. Take us through a typical day and tell us about the coolest part of your job.
- 2. Suzanne:** Tell us about what it is like to work in your field? Did you hit any roadblocks or detours in your career journey and how did navigate them?
- 3. Suzanne:** Did you have any mentors along the way? If so, tell us about them and something important that they taught you.
- 4. Suzanne:** I want to go back to your childhood. Tell us what you were like as a kid. Were you doing math problems in your head? If there is a young girl or boy out there listening, what might be a clue to them that *“Hey, I’m like*

that too. Maybe one day I could work in software.”

- 5. Suzanne:** Let’s shift gears. You know about the shortages of women in our field, just 14 percent of engineers today are women. Is this why you started this series highlighting the work of women in software and cybersecurity. Why did you feel it was important to do at this time?

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- 6. Suzanne:** In this age of information overload, where do you get your information? What do you read/listen to to stay current?

- 7. Suzanne:** If you could give one piece of advice to a young person who is considering entering this field, what would it be?

Suzanne: Thanks so much for joining us today.

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