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BACKGROUND

The GWIB launched its CyberSecurity Industry Initiative to respond to the emergence of the industry in Maryland. The GWIB's role in convening industry was to begin identifying workforce demand and challenges associated with growing the industry. The GWIB has convened more than 30 business leaders, as well as representatives from government, education and economic development for a discussion on defining the skills, education, training and certifications required to support Maryland's public and private sector, and defense industry workforce needs.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

GWIB/SAIC PARTNERSHIP

The GWIB partnered with SAIC around development of a CyberSecurity Workforce web portal as an extension of the existing Skills2Compete online domain space – www.skills.maryland.gov/. SAIC secured the support of the University of Maryland's QUEST Program interns, who constructed the framework for the portal. The content of the portal has been developed and is being reviewed and formatted for inclusion in the platform. Links connecting the user to educational programs and upcoming events must be attached, along with links to related websites such as Maryland Workforce Exchange (MWE). A cybersecurity button will also be added to the MWE website so that Marylanders interested in cybersecurity will be able to easily transition to the cyber portal. The GWIB and the University of Maryland are working together to complete these tasks. Job seekers, students, counselors, educators, industry representatives, and enthusiasts will have access to information designed to promote and attract Marylanders toward cybersecurity careers.

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