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Announcement of White House National Cyber Workforce and Education Summit

On Tuesday, July 19, 2022, National Cyber Director Chris Inglis will convene a National Cyber Workforce and Education Summit at the White House with Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo; Secretary of Labor Martin J. Walsh; Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas; Ambassador Susan E. Rice, Director of the Domestic Policy Council; Under Secretary of Education James Kvaal; Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Jen Easterly; Anne Neuberger, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Cyber and Emerging Technology on the National Security Council; other senior representatives from the Federal Government; private sector executives; and thought leaders from across the cyber community and academia.

With approximately 700,000 cybersecurity positions open, America faces a national security challenge that must be tackled aggressively. During the Summit, participants will help chart a path toward a more secure future in which all Americans have the opportunity to raise the bar on cybersecurity through greater awareness, education, and training. The Summit will also serve as a call to action — to ensure that all Americans can capitalize on the benefits of the digital domain and to ensure that our Nation carries through on the positive opportunities ahead of us.

At the Summit, participants will discuss:

 The need to create and prioritize new skills-based pathways to cybersecurity jobs, including at community colleges, through Registered Apprenticeships, and via nontraditional training opportunities for Americans who can help defend our country and make a good living for themselves and their families. Training models such as Registered Apprenticeships can allow career seekers to earn and learn at the same time while often obtaining college credit, degrees, and a nationally recognized credential.

- How in filling these open cybersecurity positions, the United States has an
 opportunity to build pipelines for historically untapped talent, including
 underserved and diverse communities, to reach jobs that often pay well and do not
 require a four-year degree.
- And how investing in cyber training and education will: (1) enable Americans who comprise the lifeblood of our economy including those building the next generation of our Nation's infrastructure to be successful in our digital economy; and (2) empower society to harness cyber capabilities to achieve our individual and collective aspirations.

More information on participants and announcements to come.