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Subject: Fourth Annual Palmetto Cyber Defense Competition
Location: Trident Technical College, College Center (Building 920), 7000 Rivers Ave, North Charleston, S.C.
When: 4/9/2016 5:15:00 PM - 6:00:00 PM
Attachments: [ATT19464](#)

MH will attend.

EVENT: Fourth Annual Palmetto Cyber Defense Competition

DATE: Saturday, April 9, 2016

TIME: 5:00-6:00 PM

LOCATION: Trident Technical College, College Center (Building 920), 7000 Rivers Ave, North Charleston, S.C.

LOCATION SET-UP:

ATTIRE: Business.

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PURPOSE: The Governor and First Gentleman will attend the Fourth Annual Palmetto Cyber Defense Competition. Gov. Haley will watch the competition in action and address the audience at the beginning of the PCDC Closing Ceremonies.

PRESS: Yes.

PUBLIC: Yes.

INVITED BY:

Jeff Sweeney
Director, Palmetto Cyber Defense Competition

INTRODUCED BY:

LENGTH OF SPEAKING: 5 mins.

SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:

5:00 PM Gov. Haley and First Gentleman Arrive
 Watch the end of the competition
 Mingle with attendees
 Awards Presentation/Closing Ceremony
 -NH needs to speak first
 -NH will depart right after

ATTENDEES:

Don Pearsall (L), President of the AFCEA South Carolina Low Country Chapter and Jeff Sweeney (R), Tier III Supervisor at SPAWAR Systems Center Atlantic, serve as Co-Directors of the 2016 PCDC.

BACKGROUND:

The goal of the Palmetto Cyber Defense Competition (PCDC) is to energize South Carolina Colleges and High Schools and their students to focus on the development of technical skills in the areas of networking and cyber security in preparation for exciting careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

During the competition, students from each school will form Blue Teams of six competitors that are responsible for operating a small medical network. Each of the teams will be provided with a mal-configured business network at the start of the competition and will be challenged to properly reconfigure the network, add new services, and respond to additional requirements; all the while defending against a Red Team of SPAWAR volunteers attempting to disrupt and penetrate their network.

Blue Teams will be scored for accomplishing administrative and business tasks while maintaining network/service availability, such as mail, database and web servers, as well as their ability to detect and respond to cyber threats. Teams must also be able to respond to business requests such as the addition or removal of services, and balance security needs against business needs. Also, new this year, there will be separate Cyber Forensics Challenge on Saturday, 9 April that is open to all.

The competition will involve teams from South Carolina High Schools on April 9th, followed on April 10th by teams from South Carolina Colleges and Universities. On April 11th cyber security professionals from government and industry will compete.

The Space and Naval Warfare (SPAWAR) Systems Center Atlantic and the South Carolina Lowcountry Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) have jointly organized the 2016 Palmetto Cyber Defense Competition (PCDC).

TALKING POINTS:

- . One of our missions is identifying and facilitating Science & Technology competency initiatives including educational development, mentorship, innovation, and technology forecasting. We are fully committed to supporting this and other Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) efforts.
- . PCDC is a strong collaboration between government, our corporate partners and academia to support the development of STEM technical skill sets of our future cyber security workforce. Nearly 100 volunteers are here this weekend supporting PCDC. Volunteers come from SPAWAR Systems Center Atlantic, the Lowcountry Chapter of AFCEA, US Navy Reservists, US Air Force, SC National Guard and our many industry partners.
- . Development of the next generation of cyber warriors is essential to the protection of our country's networks and critical information in the sectors of national security, finance, energy, infrastructure and health

care.

. I also want to thank the students who are here today that put in the work to prepare for this competition and represent our future cyber workforce.