**What is the NIST/NICE Department of Commerce Grant?**

The grant provides sustainable, hands-on, multi-disciplinary cybersecurity skills training tailored to the workforce needs of critical infrastructure sectors in Florida. Cyber Florida has been awarded this grant to support our FL critical infrastructure partners to support their workforce development needs.

**What will the grant entail and how will it support participating critical infrastructure?**

Cyber Florida will:

* Assess core cybersecurity workforce needs across critical infrastructure sectors.
* Analyze and summarize entry and advanced-level workforce needs.
* Develop a scalable, hands-on, multi-disciplinary training plan.
* Connect trained students to critical infrastructure sectors through internships and full-time positions.
* Evaluate outcomes through student self-assessments, expert evaluations, and program sustainability.

The program aligns with the Department of Commerce and NICE’s strategic plans.

**Who can participate in the grant?**

Florida’s critical infrastructure sectors that need to address workforce gaps can participate. Completing the Cyber Florida Risk Assessment is advantageous.

**What is the involvement of the participating sector?**

* Participate in a 30–45-minute workforce development survey.
* Work with Cyber Florida for 1-2 hours per month for hands-on training and resource allocation.
* Period of performance is Jan 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
* Assess what network needs you have in which the Cyber Florida Student Operations Center (SOC) can help address those risks while supporting future internship opportunities

**What will Cyber FL do to support the findings of the survey?**

* Assess the impact of these gaps and mitigation steps.
* Identify desired industry certifications and curriculum gaps.
* Explore partnerships with universities for workforce development.

**Are there any costs for participating in the grant?**

No, Cyber Florida will provide all necessary tools, training, and resources at no cost.

**What will sectors receive from participating?**

Sectors will benefit from:

* Enhanced curriculum and cybersecurity education.
* Table-top exercises and industry certification support.
* Planned student internships within Cyber Florida’s student SOC and with Florida’s critical infrastructures.
* Activities designed to meet sector workforce needs and advance NICE and Department of Commerce strategic goals.

**Next steps:**

If you are interested, please contact Bryan Langley and or Emilio Salabarria to schedule a team meeting to review and discuss the impact and benefit of the grant and the Cyber Florida program.

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