



SENEAIA May 2021 e-Newsletter

From the Executive Director:

We are pleased to announce that we will hold Defense Innovation Days this year - in a virtual mode - 30 August - 1 September 2021.

Please read below for more information on the 2021 Defense Innovation Days and other items of interest to SENEAIA member companies and the regional defense cluster.

Best,
Molly Donohue Magee

SENEAIA Member Spotlight: Critical Prism Defense LLC

What is your company's history?

Critical Prism Defense LLC was established in October 2018 by Paul Netopski as a Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) to provide cybersecurity consulting services for the defense industrial base. The business started when a former coworker contacted me asking for cybersecurity guidance at their robotics manufacturing company. They were unable to find local cybersecurity expertise to help their business understand cybersecurity. I offered to visit and provide training to their executive leadership and to help guide their manufacturing business towards understanding the federal government requirements for cybersecurity. That initial interaction led their senior leadership to take more interest in cybersecurity, and they asked me to provide some more assistance. I offered to start up my business and they could be my first client! I had engaged with them regarding secure software development, secure product engineering, risk management, employee security awareness and training, and developing strategic cybersecurity roadmaps. To remain flexible and agile I decided to maintain a single person business structure so businesses know who they are getting for services and they will have comfort in the quality of services. Cybersecurity is more than just a technical implementation of products, it involves full lifecycle management from capturing contracts, financing, strategies, planning, engineering, manufacturing and maintenance of products.

What services and/or products does your company provide?

I provide consulting and services in the cybersecurity domain. The consulting and services revolve around Cybersecurity Engineering, Cybersecurity Assessments, and Information & Communications Technologies Supply Chain Risk Management for traditional IT systems and product lines being engineered or delivered to the Department of Defense. My Cybersecurity Consulting services range from strategies for the organization, training, understand staffing needs, integration of products and

matchmaking between service providers and the client. I do have agreements to provide some software products as a reseller that assist in solving some of the common challenges for small business.

Why do you consider membership in SENEDIA valuable?

I heard about SENEDIA through another business and they had mentioned that they had obtained many of their employees through that relationship because of the internship programs offered. When I looked into SENEDIA more, they had a lot to offer for businesses in the defense industrial base to include networking, maritime cybersecurity, undersea technology, jobs, veteran placement programs and much more. I thought this would provide me an opportunity to give back to the profession and industry while also allowing me to hopefully grow my business. One of my clients at that time was performing quite a bit of work specific to undersea warfare, which I thought would assist with me providing a matchmaking opportunity as well.

If a company wants to do business with yours, whom should they contact?

Myself, Paul Netopski, Paul.Netopski@criticalprismdefense.com, 833-33PRISM (business), 413-209-0682 (cell), <https://criticalprismdefense.com>

2021/2022 SENEDIA STEM Scholarships Awarded

SENEDIA is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2021/2022 SENEDIA STEM Scholarships:

Maxim Veilleux, University of Connecticut, who is majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in engineering management

Morgan Watson, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, who is majoring in chemical engineering

Clare Laroche, University of Rhode Island, who is majoring in ocean engineering with a minor in mathematics, sustainability

Each scholarship recipient will receive a \$1500 award. Their academic achievements, essays, and recommendations along with their honors, volunteer work and extracurricular activities were the factors that elevated their submissions amongst a very competitive pool of applicants.

Pursuing studies related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are the backbone of the skills and experiences that are important elements in supporting the future national security and defense sector workforce.

We thank all the candidates for their submissions and congratulate the 2021/2022 SENEDIA STEM Scholarship awardees!

SENEDIA Tech Talks

SENEDIA Tech Talk: Insights on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) -

On 18 May 2021, Mike Tetreault, the Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA) for Rhode Island (Region 1), within the Integrated Operations Division, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), gave insights on Cybersecurity and the support CISA can provide. His presentation can be found [here](#).

Save the Date - 15 June 2021 0900 - SENEDIA Tech Talk: Data Rights—The Basics and the Latest. Our SENEDIA member company, Crowell & Moring, will discuss intellectual property considerations in government contracting. When navigating this regulatory landscape, contractors must understand how rights are generally allocated between the government and the contractor, how to avoid common mistakes, and how alternative acquisition agreements (such as Other Transaction agreements) might impact a company's approach to preserving the value of its intellectual property. More information soon.

Save the Date - 2021 Defense Innovation Days

Defense Innovation Days 2021 will be held this year in a virtual format.

Our focus will be “A National Conversation...” The conversations will be focused on key issues facing defense.

The dates are: 30 August - 1 September 2021. The planned sessions include:

A National Conversation on:

Sea Power and National Security - Senator Jack Reed (invited) / ADM Michael Gilday (invited)

Climate and National Security – Senator Whitehouse - confirmed / The Honorable John Kerry (invited)

Cybersecurity and National Security – Congressman Langevin (confirmed) / Chris Inglis, National Cyber Director (invited)

Foreign Affairs and National Security – Congressman Cicilline (invited) / Thomas Donilon, Distinguished Fellow, Foreign Relations Council (invited)

More information and opening of registration in early June 2021.

SENEDIA Golf Tournament

Don't miss this great networking event AND golf tournament. Last chance to sign up for the SENEDIA Golf Tournament on Monday, June 7, 2021! For more information or to register click [here](#)



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