



SENEdia January 2022 e-Newsletter

From the Executive Director:

2022 is SENEdia's 20th anniversary. SENEdia was established in 2002 to identify, champion and coordinate issues that contribute to our National Security and provide benefit to our members, local communities, and the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security. We will be highlighting our history over the course of this year and will culminate our celebration at Defense Innovation Days 2022!

Please read below for other items of interest to SENEdia member companies and the regional defense cluster.

Best,
Molly Donohue Magee

Defense Innovation Days 2022

Save the Date – we will be holding Defense Innovation Days 2022 in person this year. It will be 29-31 August 2022 at the Newport RI Marriott Hotel. Registration will open shortly. Our sponsorship/booth opportunities have already sold out. The latest information can be found at: www.defenseinnovationdays.com.

SENEdia Internships

Thank you to the companies and mentors who are hosting SENEdia interns this winter!

MIKEL
Town of Middletown
SEACORP
Applied Physical Sciences Corporation
I-M Technology
The Entwistle Company
Balfour Beatty
MRC
Goodwin Bradley

We have a total of 10 interns looking for placements this Spring! If you are interested in hosting an engineering, cyber security, or computer science intern, please reach out to Cassandra Johns at cjohns@sendia.org for more information.

Access up to \$5,000 for Trade and Industrial Skilled Interns

SENEDIA has open applications for the Next Generation Submarine Shipbuilding Supply Chain Partnership – CTE Internship Opportunity Program. This program will reimburse base pay for trades and industrial skilled CTE students, up to \$15/hour, for a 4-, 6-, or 8-week internship. Applications are open for New England-based companies who are interested in hosting an intern in 2022. Eligible companies are current or potential suppliers for the submarine shipbuilding industry. For more information about the program, visit www.BuildSubmarines.com/Internships/. Questions and applications can be sent to Training@SENEDIA.org.

SENEDIA Tech Talk: Navy Digital Transformation Strategy

Marie Bussiere, the Digital Transformation Executive for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, Test and Engineering (RDT&E) presented at the first SENEDIA (Virtual) Tech Talk for 2022. Ms. Bussiere gave insights to the Navy's Digital Transformation strategy and initiatives. Digital Transformation sets a new vision for the way to conceive, build, test, field, and sustain our national defense systems and transforms how to train and shape the workforce to use digital engineering practices. The Navy is incorporating these developing digital capabilities to improve efficiency, power new products and services, and use data in service of operational decision-making.

Understanding and deploying emerging technologies and advanced data analytics capabilities is imperative to shape the new digital battlefield. Using data-informed decision making coupled with new digital capabilities will transform core naval operations, accelerate outcomes, and drive maritime supremacy. The presentation from the Tech Talk – ADENA Brief SENEDIA 19 Jan 22

BlueTech Startup Competition

The Rhode Island Israeli Collaborative (RIIC) in collaboration with Innovate Newport, The Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, and HUBASHDOD Israel has announced a BlueTech Startup Competition. The goal of the competition is to cultivate the international blue tech ecosystem by supporting startups and connecting them with strategic partners, mentors, and resources. The program will create connections specifically between the Ashdod Bluetech ecosystem and the Rhode Island Bluetech ecosystem.

The BlueTech Startup Competition will identify four startup companies in the Bluetech space from each location for a total of eight companies based on criteria developed by the innovation hubs in each city: HUBASHDOD and Innovate Newport. The companies will compete for a 1st place prize that will include cash as well as a customized trip to the partnering country where the winner will gain access to personalized introductions, meetings, and coworking space. U.S. Newport judges will judge the four Israeli pitches; whereas Israeli judges will judge the four American pitches.

More information: [here](#)

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