



## SENEDIA October 2022 e-Newsletter

### From the Executive Director:

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

Best,  
**Molly Donohue Magee**

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### SENEDIA Annual Meeting

SENEDIA held its annual members meeting on Thursday, 20 October at Newport Vineyards. Marking its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, SENEDIA has rebranded itself as SENEDIA – The Alliance for Defense Tech, Talent, and Innovation. Over 100 members and guests attended. Senator Jack Reed, Chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, provided comments and insights. In light of her upcoming retirement, PURVIS Systems' Vice President of DoD Operations & Business Development and SENEDIA Board Member Debbie Proffitt, was recognized for her career accomplishments by Senator Jack Reed.



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### Women Leading Innovation with Defense Careers

The 2022 IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE) Forum USA East will be held at the Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick, RI on 3-5 November 2022.

The “Women Leading Innovation with Defense Careers” session on 4 November will explore engineering career opportunities for women working in the defense sector. The panelists are accomplished leaders in industry and government and will discuss the opportunities for challenging work and advancement. They will also provide insight into their personal career paths and their outreach through mentorship to other women. Defense careers offer unique opportunities to create and support innovative technology in support of our national security.

Moderator – Molly Donohue Magee, Executive Director, SENEDIA, the Alliance for Defense Tech, Talent, and Innovation

Panelists:

Marie Bussiere, Digital Transformation Executive for Assistant Secretary of the Navy, RDT&E, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport

Ellen Ferraro, Vice President of Engineering & Mission Assurance, Raytheon Intelligence & Space  
Kelly Mendell, President, MIKEL Inc.

For more information or to register, please visit <https://attend.ieee.org/wie-forum-usa-east-2022/>

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### **SENEDIA awarded a \$20.4 million contract extension for submarine shipbuilding workforce development**

The Department of Defense has awarded SENEDIA a 1-year contract extension for \$20.4 million for its successful submarine shipbuilding workforce development program. Originally awarded in August 2020, this contract has funded SENEDIA’s efforts in developing the Next Generation Submarine Shipbuilding Supply Chain Partnership and the New England Regional Training Network for trades and industrial skills. This region-wide effort has connected suppliers with programs and resources resulting in over 1,800 workers trained in trades and industrial skills. This contract extension will allow SENEDIA to continue to provide these programs and resources through August 2023:

- Incumbent Worker/New Hire Trades Training Funding
- Internship Funding
- Talent Repository
- Supply Chain Database
- Compendium of Resources

Information on these programs and more can be found at [www.BuildSubmarines.com](http://www.BuildSubmarines.com). If you know of a company who could benefit from programs and resources supporting workforce development for trades and industrial skills positions, feel free to connect them with Tim Fox, SENEDIA’s Deputy Executive Director, at [tfox@senedia.org](mailto:tfox@senedia.org).

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