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MEDIA ADVISORY
**The National Academy of Public Administration and
The Florida Center for Cybersecurity to Host Forum
on Expanding the Nation's Cybersecurity Workforce**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration and the Florida Center for Cybersecurity will host an April 5th forum, ***Expanding the Nation's Cybersecurity Workforce: A National Imperative***. The event will focus on ways to close the gap on the current shortage of cybersecurity professionals, focusing on non-traditional approaches to training, educating, developing, and ultimately expanding the cyber talent pipeline, as well as other alternatives that can be implemented.

At least a half-million cybersecurity positions in the U.S. are unfilled. Demand for cyber professionals continues to outstrip the supply, and closing that gap is now a national imperative. As a result, it is a priority of the Biden Administration, the Congress, and the new National Cybersecurity Director Chris Inglis, who has been invited to provide remarks at the forum.

The National Academy of Public Administration's recent report, *A Call to Action: The Federal Government's Role in Building a Cybersecurity Workforce for the Future*, suggests a number of alternative approaches to accelerate, expand and diversify the cybersecurity talent pipeline. The forum's panel of experts – leaders from the front lines of cybersecurity workforce development who have long labored to close the cyber talent gap and can provide "insider" insights – will delve into those issues and opportunities.

Registration for the event can be found here.

WHAT: *Expanding the Nation's Cybersecurity Workforce: A National Imperative*
Hosted by the National Academy of Public Administration and the Florida Center for Cybersecurity

WHEN: April 5, 2022
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM ET

WHERE: The event will be held virtually, via webinar

WHO: **Invited Keynote Speaker:**
Chris Inglis, National Cybersecurity Director, The Executive Office of the President

Event Co-chairs:
Dan Chenok, Director; IBM Center for the Business of Government; Academy Fellow and Co-Chair of the Academy Panel on Developing a National Cybersecurity Workforce
Karen Evans, Managing Director, Cyber Readiness Institute; Academy Fellow and Co-Chair of the Academy Panel on Developing a National Cybersecurity Workforce

Panel Moderator:
Dr. Ron Sanders, Staff Director, Florida Center for Cybersecurity; Academy Fellow

Panel Members:
Dr. Alissa Abdullah, Deputy CSO and Senior Vice President of Emerging Corporate Security Solutions, Mastercard
Dr. Diane Burley, Vice Provost for Research from American University and a leading cyber workforce educator
Dr. Tony Coulson, Executive Director and Professor, California State University at San Bernardino; Director of the CAE Community in Cyber Defense Education
Dr. Costis Toregas, Director of the Cybersecurity and Privacy Research Institute, George Washington University; Academy Fellow

Panel Discussant:
Dr. Charles Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST)

MEDIA: Media planning to attend the webinar session should register here.

About the National Academy of Public Administration
Chartered by Congress to provide non-partisan expert advice, the Academy is an independent, non-profit, and non-partisan organization established in 1967 to assist government leaders in building more effective, efficient, accountable, and transparent organizations. Learn more at https://napawash.org/

About the Florida Center for Cybersecurity
The Florida Center for Cybersecurity was established by the Florida Legislature in 2014 to help position Florida as a national leader in cybersecurity through education, research, and outreach. Hosted by the University of South Florida, it leads a spectrum of initiatives to inspire and educate future and current professionals, support industry-advancing

research, and help people and organizations better understand cyber threats and what they can do to stay safer in cyberspace. Lean more at https://cyberflorida.org/

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