MISSION

Cyber Center of Excellence is a non-profit dedicated to accelerating the region’s cyber economy and positioning it as a global hub of cyber innovation.

In 2018, CCOE continued the momentum in workforce development, creating new business opportunities and fostering collaboration in the cyber community. In tandem, we promoted San Diego’s unique and robust cyber ecosystem through the voices of the industry’s leaders.

These efforts put San Diego on the map with high-ranking state, national and international leaders and information warriors. Our Secure San Diego cyber preparedness and workforce collaboration between the public, private, academic, government and military sectors continues to serve as a template to mobilize other regions, fostering greater national security.

We thank you for your continued support in advancing the region’s cyber workforce, infrastructure and global market share for a growing industry that affects all sectors of San Diego’s economy.

Here’s to our next milestones!

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SECURE SAN DIEGO

CCOE and the City of San Diego hosted three roundtables to connect San Diego emergency responders and critical infrastructure with the resources and expertise of the military, industry and academia for cyber incident response planning and mitigation. The productive sessions focused on coordination with the California Military Department, lessons learned from the New York and Houston Jack Voltaic exercises, development of a cyber range, potential San Diego exercises and regional communication strategies.

"Together we’re working to mitigate and plan for potential cyber risks by tapping into what San Diego does best – collaborate to innovate!" – John Valencia, Executive Director, City of San Diego Office of Homeland Security

TALENT PIPELINE

CCOE and Journeys launched an interactive Cyber Career Map to chart individualized cyber education, trainings and career pathways in San Diego. CCOE’s Job Board hosted more than 6,500 applications for 1,203 jobs in 2018 to connect veterans, students, recent grads and seasoned professionals with career opportunities in the region. CCOE also teamed with EDC on Link to SD Cyber and Defense programs at CSUSM, SDSU and USD and partnered with SKM, SD Community College District, Able-Disabled Advocacy and local companies to pilot a regional apprenticeship program.

"CCOE is helping to position San Diego as a cyber talent hotbed as we head into a 1.8 million shortfall of global cyber professionals by 2022." – Stephanie Bulger, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor, San Diego Community College District

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

CCOE hosted NATO’s Science and Technology Committee and a six-delegation of senior government officials and company executives to discuss best practices in public/private collaborations, workforce cultivation, diversity and economic development with San Diego’s cybersecurity industry.

"In two of the most important global hubs for science and technology (San Diego and Silicon Valley), 19 members of parliament from 15 Allied countries explored emerging themes such as extremism online; cyber security; defense innovation; election integrity; and unmanned technologies.” – NATO News, October 2018

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

CCOE hosted five pan-Cybersecurity Series on EESPN 1700-Best Talk Radio during National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The series featured renowned leaders from CCOE, City of San Diego Office of Homeland Security, SDG, FICO, FBI, SanMarx, SPIRAXAKI and Teradata and highlighted the threat landscape and innovative tools, tech and resources available in San Diego’s cybersecurity ecosystem. CCOE also secured 12 stories highlighting the region’s cyber prowess and increased our digital community by 26% to connect on industry news and events, best practices and career and business opportunities.

"San Diego is uniquely positioned to be a leader in cybersecurity – not only in California but in the United States and even the world.” – California Cyberhub, October 2018

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