



Moving West Virginia Forward Cyber and IT Workforce Virtual Forum Barriers and Opportunities for Job Growth

1:00 – 3:30 p.m. • October 22, 2020 • Zoom Platform

1:00 pm

Welcome and Acknowledgements

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President, Discover the Real West Virginia (DRWV) Foundation, Inc.

Featured Keynote Speakers:

A Growing IT & Cyber Cluster at the I-79 Tech Park

James L. Estep, President and CEO
High Technology Foundation

Moving West Virginia Forward— Opportunities for Growth in Cyber & IT Sectors

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin III
Honorary Chair, DRWV Foundation

Protecting the Nation from Cyber Threats

Katie E. Arrington
Chief Information Security Officer for the Under
Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
U.S. Department of Defense

Q&A

1:30 pm

Introduction of First Panel

1:35 pm

A National Backlog of Security Clearances: What Reforms Have Been Made and What Can Cleared Sectors Anticipate Moving Forward?

- **Craig W. Hartzell**, President, CEO and Founder, Azimuth Incorporated
- **Lindy Kyzer**, Senior Editor, ClearanceJobs.com
- **Mark R. Pekrul**, Deputy Assistant Director, Customer Service and Stakeholder Engagements, Personnel Vetting, Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency
- **Don Reynolds**, PMP, Senior Executive Director, ManTech International Corporation
- **Matthew Roche**, Assistant Deputy Director for Operations, Industrial Security Field Operations, Critical Technology Protection, Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency

Q&A

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2:05 pm **Introduction of Second Panel**

2:10 pm **Talent Pipeline: How is West Virginia Adapting for the IT Workforce and What Else Needs to Be Done?**

- **Bonny Ball Copenhagen**, Ed.D., President, New River Community and Technical College
- **Ben Eng, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Marketing, Lewis College of Business, Marshall University; Co-Founding Director of the Innovating for Impact Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation (iCenter)
- **Virginia Franke Kleist, Ph.D.**
Professor, Management Information Systems
Associate Dean Graduate Programs, Research and Academic Operations
John Chambers College of Business and Economics
West Virginia University
- **Erika Klose**, NBCT, PAEMST, Milken '17
Assistant Director, Office of Middle & Secondary Learning,
West Virginia Department of Education
- **Natalie Roper**, Executive Director, Generation West Virginia (GWV)

Q&A

2:40 pm **Introduction of Third Panel**

2:45 pm **Entrepreneurial Resources & Solutions: How are Cyber Threats Evolving and How Can Entrepreneurs Address Them?**

- **Anne Barth**, Executive Director, TechConnect WV
- **Danielle Nicole Cox**, CISSP, Chief Information Security Officer, West Virginia Office of Technology
- **Gino Degregori**, President & CEO, Bravo Consulting Group
- **Michele O'Connor**, AFIM, DFCP, CFP, Investment Manager, WV Jobs Investment Trust
- **Guy Peduto**, Director, INNOVA Commercialization Group, WV High Technology Foundation

Q&A

3:20 pm **Closing Remarks**

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3:30 pm **Close of Meeting**