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New England Institute of Technology Named Coordinator for the Rhode Island Cyber Foundations Competition

East Greenwich, RI – Seth Kurn, Executive Vice President at New England Institute of Technology (NEIT), has announced that the college will be participating in the second Rhode Island Cyber Foundations Competition introduced by U.S. Representative James R. Langevin (D-RI). This competition was developed to encourage Rhode Island high school students to develop their computer knowledge and skills so that they may explore cyber security as a career. Erin Flynn, New England Tech’s Manager of Admissions Outreach and Events, has been named the Rhode Island Coordinator for the second year. At the 2010 inaugural event, 91 students from 17 high schools participated ranking Rhode Island as having the third highest number of participants among 26 states. The goal of the program is to build a future workforce with the cyber security skills required to meet the high demand in both the private and public sectors.

Participants must register with Erin Flynn by Friday, October 14, 2011 at eflynn@neit.edu as well as with the Center for Internet Security at http://workforce.cisecurity.org/competitions-camps/cyber-foundations/registration/. Once registered, online tutorial programs will be available to students in each of the subject areas along with challenge tests based on the required foundational cyber security skills of networking, operating systems, and system administration. Each segment requires approximately two to six hours of preparation time.

A series of three exams, each one lasting approximately one hour, will test the computer networking skills of the participants. The first module on Networking is scheduled for October 21, 2011; the second module on Operating Systems will take place on November 4, 2011; module three will be held on November 18, 2011.

New England Institute of Technology, the Rhode Island Department of Education, Rhode Island Science and Technology Advisory Council, and Tech Collective have partnered for this initiative. The Rhode Island Cyber Foundations Competition is run by the Center for Internet Security (CIS), a national non-profit organization responsible for identifying and developing potential talent for the cyber security workforce of the future.

For further information regarding the competition, contact Erin Flynn at eflynn@neit.edu or 401-739-5000. Questions may also be directed to the competition’s executive director, Renee N. McLaughlin at renee.mclaughlin@cisecurity.org or 518-526-3947.

Under the leadership of President Richard I. Gouse, New England Institute of Technology is a private non-profit technical college with an enrollment of more than 3,000 students. The college offers over 30 Associate, Bachelor and Master’s degree programs and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. For more information on NEIT, please visit www.neit.edu or follow news of the college on Facebook and Twitter.