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**Anne Arundel County Awarded \$4.9 Million for Cybersecurity Job Training**

ANNAPOLIS, MD – County Executive Leopold announced today that the U. S. Department of Labor awarded a \$4.9 million Community-Based Job Training grant to Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation, Anne Arundel Community College and their partners over a period of three years for their *Pathways to Cyber Security Careers Consortium* initiative.

“This grant will have an immense impact on the economic growth of our region,” County Executive Leopold said. “The funding will create a diverse and flexible array of training options that will give our region’s citizens the skills and competencies to enter the high-growth field of cybersecurity and information assurance.”

The consortium will bring together central Maryland Workforce Investment Boards and community colleges in Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard Counties and Baltimore City, state and local economic development agencies, local high schools, trade associations, businesses and community-based organizations. Anne Arundel Community College is the lead college in the consortium and is a recognized leader in cybersecurity education. Private employers that will sit on the advisory board include Praxis, ARINC and AnalySYS. The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the

Maryland Governor's Workforce Investment Board, and the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development showed support of the proposal.

“Our goal is to get our citizens back to work,” Kirkland J. Murray, President and CEO of Anne Arundel Workforce Development said. “This funding will address the urgent need to increase the pipeline of qualified workers in cybersecurity, while connecting our citizens to jobs in this high-growth industry. Anne Arundel County will continue to be a leader in preparing our workforce for the field of cybersecurity.”

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