

The NIST NICE Regional Alliances for Multistakeholder Partnerships Program (RAMPS) is an excellent model for regional coordination of community stakeholders in cybersecurity, including leadership from academia, industry, government, and the military.

The Philadelphia Cybersecurity Education Alliance (PCEA) is a recently formed organization aimed at precisely this type of coordination in the Philadelphia area. I serve as the Academic Sector Chief in the PCEA.

The RAMPS program is precisely the right kind of stimulus to provide important financial support for these types of regional initiatives.

We respectfully recommend the renewed funding of the NIST-NICE RAMPS program.

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