

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON THE CYBERWATCH REGIONAL CENTER FOR  
CYBERSECURITY AND INFORMATION ASSURANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has a long history of advancing workforce development through partnerships with businesses, government agencies and institutes of higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince George's Community College is the lead agency on the CyberWATCH project, funded by the National Science Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the CyberWATCH Regional Center -- representing a consortium of five community colleges, five universities, several high schools, government agencies and businesses -- is unique on the East Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Center addresses challenges and concerns in education and the business community, specifically the shortage of security professionals; a perceived lack of business and team-work skills among information technology professionals and the lack of cybersecurity curriculum at many higher education institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Center will prepare students to meet the specialized requirements of the security industry in the future job market.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to enter into a four-year partnership agreement with Prince George's Community College in which it will provide \$160,000 in funding support to COG (\$40,000 renewable annually), in return for which, COG will provide internship opportunities for students from the CyberWATCH communities and externships for the CyberWATCH consortium member community college faculty in the field of cybersecurity/information assurance and computer forensics.

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