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PG&E Provides Support for the Cal Poly Cybersecurity Center

SAN LUIS OBISPO — An \$80,000 grant from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will support Cal Poly's new Cybersecurity Center, established to foster a wide range of activities that involve faculty and students collaborating with experts from other academic institutions, private companies, defense industries and government agencies, and research labs.

The goals of the educational program include educating thousands of students in cybersecurity readiness; producing experts in cyber technologies and systems, including many professionals who will serve in the defense and energy industries; and graduating cyber innovators, who are prepared for advanced study and applied research in emerging cyber issues.

PG&E's contribution, in particular, will support the director of the Cybersecurity Center, a position that will enable cross-college faculty and student participation, offer workshops and training to the wider community, engage partners and students in collaborative applied research projects, and provide extra-curricular opportunities to students clubs. A nationwide search for a founding director is underway.

PG&E will also participate as one of the founding members of the Cal Poly Cybersecurity Council, a group of leading industry experts and faculty that will help guide the cybersecurity activities.

"The council is a key aspect of our cyber initiative," noted Deb Larson, dean of the College of Engineering. "We will look to these partners to provide strategic guidance on our curriculum, to help keep the program current with state-of-the-art advances, and to collaborate on projects and help generate funding for applied research in the field."

"Cal Poly is a leading academic institution that is dedicated to making a real difference in addressing this important issue," said John Conway, a member of the President's Cabinet at Cal Poly and PG&E's senior vice president of Energy Supply. "PG&E is firmly committed to working with the university and other community partners as they develop and implement state-of-the-art cybersecurity strategies and best practices."

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