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Parsons to Support Cal Poly Initiative to Produce Future Cybersecurity Professionals

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Parsons recently announced that it will contribute \$100,000 to Cal Poly's initiative to become the leading supplier of cybersecurity professionals. The funds will be distributed over a two-year period, beginning in 2014.

In addition, the company will participate as a member of the Cal Poly Cybersecurity Council, a group of leading industry experts and faculty whose strategic advice will help ensure that Cal Poly's cyber graduates align with industry's needs.

The goals of Cal Poly's cyber initiative are to develop qualified graduates in computer science with a cybersecurity specialization and to educate those graduates in advanced engineering, science, and business applications of cyber technologies and systems. The initiative is also aimed at preparing students for service in support of the national defense industry and intelligence community as well as for advanced study and applied research.

"Cal Poly's excellent reputation for graduating Day One-ready professionals makes it particularly well suited to help meet industry's need for cyber experts," said Chuck Harrington, Parsons' chairman and CEO. "As a global engineering, construction, technical, and management services firm with more than 12,500 employees, Parsons understands the importance of introducing students at all levels to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. We are proud to be among the organizations joining forces with Cal Poly on this important initiative."

Added Tim Potier, Parsons' chief security officer: "Given our expertise in defense, intelligence, and cybersecurity and the increasing demand for skilled cybersecurity professionals, supporting Cal Poly's cyber program is aligned with our Parsons Gives Back program."

This contribution will support hiring of the Cybersecurity Center director, said Deb Larson, dean of the College of Engineering.

"We thank Parsons for its support," Larson said, "and we're grateful for the company's partnership in producing the next generation of experts responsible for operating, defending, and securing cyberspace."

Parsons recently announced its support of a similar program at the University of Maryland.

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