

West Texas Cyber Security Consortium

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Cyber Security Research Alliance Initiates First Research and Development Projects with Drexel University and George Mason University

WAKEFIELD, Mass., March 24, 2014 – The Cyber Security Research Alliance (CSRA) today announced the selection of its first academic research partners who will work together to advance cyber physical system security in transportation vehicles, medical devices and the power grid. Drexel University and George Mason University will begin their research with a survey and taxonomy.

“Drexel and George Mason Universities were selected from a number of outstanding academic research proposals for their approach and understanding of the challenges in securing cyber physical systems,” said Lee Holcomb, president of the Cyber Security Research Alliance and director, engineering and technology, for Lockheed Martin Information Systems & Global Solutions.

“Research partnerships like this are essential for staying one step ahead of cyber threats,” said Spiros Mancoridis, Ph.D., a professor in Drexel University’s College of Computing & Informatics, and Cybersecurity Institute. “University-based research centers like Drexel’s Cybersecurity Institute and George Mason’s International Cyber Center offer a broad base of academic insight that will be a valuable resource to the Cyber Security Research Alliance.”

“We’re looking forward to teaming with the CSRA on this important initiative in the exciting and ever-changing field of cyber physical systems,” said Arun Sood, Ph.D., professor, computer science and director, International Cyber Center at George Mason University.

CSRA recently led a panel discussion to address cyber security R&D imperatives in cyber physical systems and introduce these two research efforts at the 2014 Cybersecurity Innovation Forum, a three-day event sponsored by the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) with the Department of Homeland Security, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the National Security Agency. The forum brought together industry and government experts to discuss the threat landscape and share emerging practices and technologies and to create opportunities for industry growth and research opportunities.

About the CSRA: The CSRA is a private, non-profit research consortium formed in response to the growing need for increased public-private collaboration to address complex problems in cyber security. The founding members of the CSRA are Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), Honeywell, Intel Corporation, Lockheed Martin, and RSA. The Security Division of EMC. CSRA seeks to achieve coordinated industry participation to address national cyber security research and development (R&D) imperatives and bridge the gap between government-funded R&D and commercially available products and solutions in cyber security.

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