



August 2016 SENEDIA e-Newsletter

Undersea Technology Innovation Center

SENEA's announcement of the Undersea Technology Innovation Center (UTIC), a Rhode Island-based hub for national undersea technology excellence, received extensive media coverage recently.

To begin the strategic planning to formalize Rhode Island as a national leader in undersea technology, SENEDIA was awarded a grant by the van Beuren Charitable Foundation in June 2016. UTIC will promote the rapid development, testing and commercialization of innovative undersea technology for commercial, academic, and defense organizations.

State leaders, including Governor Gina Raimondo, U.S. Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse as well as Congressman Jim Langevin expressed their support for the UTIC initiative. "SENEA's Undersea Technology Innovation Center is an exciting and very promising development for Rhode Island defense industry employers and the prospect of creating high-value, high-wage STEM jobs," said Governor Raimondo. [Click here to read Rhode Island public officials' full comments on UTIC](#)

The announcement appeared in several Rhode Island outlets, including [Providence Business News](#); [The Providence Journal](#); [RI National Public Radio](#); and WPRO News Talk with Steve Klamkin. It also appeared on industry media, including [SEAPOWERS Magazine](#)

Leaders from the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), Raytheon, University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography, General Dynamics Electric Boat, Salve Regina Pell Center and SENEDIA have agreed to serve on the UTIC steering committee and have already kicked off the center's planning.

SENEA is currently reaching out to all companies and organizations with a presence in Rhode Island's undersea technology sector. "Our goal is to develop a compendium of all the undersea technology resources in the state," said Molly Donohue Magee, SENEDIA Executive Director.

SENEDIA asks interested entities that meet this criterion to contact SENEDIA at undersea@senedia.org.

"We look forward to hearing from Rhode Island's leaders in undersea technology as we build the Undersea Technology Innovation Center, and make it a hub for national undersea technology excellence," said Magee.

P-TECH Student Mentors Needed

SENEDIA is the industry partner for the RI P-TECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School) Cybersecurity program and we are in search of industry mentors for the 40+ students that have enrolled in the 2016-2017 school year. P-TECH mentors will serve as role models and will provide support to students as they navigate their path to achieving both their high school diploma as well as an Associate's in Science (A.S.) Degree in Cybersecurity from the Community College of Rhode Island.

Mentor/student communication will be a blend of in-person events, as well as the use of an online platform. Mentors will communicate online with their students weekly in addition to meeting in person at three events scheduled during the school year. Supporting a student through mentorship is one of the most critical steps we can take to ensure the continued success of a student.

If you are interested in becoming a P-TECH mentor, or learning more about the program, please contact SENEDIA Education Outreach Coordinator, Linda Larsen at llarsen@senedia.org.

14th Annual SENEDIA Golf Tournament

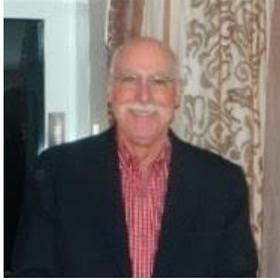
SENEDIA will hold its 14th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, September 12 at Alpine Country Club in Cranston, RI. The day begins with check-in at 7:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.

The tournament costs \$500 for a foursome group and \$125 for an individual which includes golf, carts and lunch. Gold Plus SENEDIA members receive one complimentary foursome, which will be included with a tournament sponsorship. Sponsorships are still available for the event, at a cost of \$600, which includes tee box signage and one foursome group.

1st-4th place winners in this "scramble" format tournament will win prizes and be eligible for fabulous raffle prizes! We look forward to seeing everyone ready to play.

Register for the 14th Annual SENEDIA Golf Tournament here: [2016 SENEDIA Golf Registration](#).

SENEDIA Member RDSI Appoints New Vice President



Research and Development Solutions, Inc. (RDSI) has announced the appointment of Robert L. Siegel as Vice President of Operations. Siegel joined RDSI in 2007 and has more than 30 years' experience in the industry.

RDSI is a veteran owned small business defense contractor based in Virginia with businesses units in Middletown, RI and North Stonington, CT. They have been a long-standing member of SENEDIA. Customers include the Naval Sea Systems Command, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, Office of Naval Intelligence, and more.

Mr. Siegel is being promoted from his position as the Director of Business Development for RDSI with responsibilities such as Business Pipeline and Proposal Development. He previously was the Program Manager for GP Strategies Corporation for 12 years. Congratulations!

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