

2018 Annual Report



SENEDIA Mission

To enable the development of innovative technology, foster thought leadership, and facilitate required economic and workforce development.

Industry Engagement

ENGAGE: SENEDIA has 120 active members: small and large businesses that provide products and services for the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, and individuals who have an interest in Defense and Homeland Security.

NETWORK: SENEDIA hosted 25 Industry Networking Events, including monthly Tech Talks, RI Women in Science & Engineering (RIWISE) events, SENEDIA Annual Member Appreciation Event, SENEDIA Annual Golf Tournament, and 2018 Defense Innovation Days.

COMMUNICATE: 200 communiques were sent to members including informational emails and e-Newsletters.

RECRUIT: 29 companies and individuals joined SENEDIA, including: A2B Tracking Solutions, Inc.; AMETEK SCP; Aquabotix Technology Corp.; Attollo LLC; Boston Engineering Corporation; Bristol County Savings Bank; Cardinal Engineering, LLC; Dewetron, Inc.; Entanglement Institute, Inc.; EOM Offshore; Epiq Solutions; FIS Blue; Forge.AI; Goodwin-Bradley Pattern Co.; HCH Enterprises, LLC; I-M Technology, LLC; L3 OceanServer, Inc.; Loft Design; NeQter Labs, LLC; NVTS Night Vision Technology Solutions LLC; Precise Systems; QinetiQ North America; Raytheon BBN Technologies; Slater Technology Fund, Inc.; Sophaya, Inc.; Systems Planning and Analysis; Technical Systems Integration; Teledyne Benthos; and ThayerMahan Inc.

Economic & Workforce Development

DEFENSE INNOVATION DAYS – Held 5th Defense Innovation Days event. Over 350 attendees from over 100 organizations attended. Senior keynote speakers included: Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations.

VETERANS: In February 2018, began Veteran’s internship program. 62 Veterans, representing a wide range of ages, education levels, backgrounds and experiences, applied for the internship. 4 of the 8 Veterans who had internships were hired into a company and an additional 22 applicants were directly hired by a company.

DEFENSE CAREERS:

- Placed 30 cyber and engineering interns in member companies and partner organizations, and an additional 4 directly into employment. Of the 30, 15 are now in full-time employment and the rest are finishing college undergraduate or master’s degrees.
- Launched Innovation Generation-JASON Learning curriculum modules featuring videos and profiles of Rhode Island professionals from NUWC, Raytheon, State of RI, Rite-Solutions and RI National Guard that were incorporated into middle school classrooms across RI for more than 1,700 students.
- Provided \$3000 in scholarships to college students majoring in STEM fields.
- Facilitated upskill training for electronic testers.
- Collaborated with CCRI on CompTIA Security+ Bootcamp to train and upskill 18 trainees that included SENEDIA interns and unemployed referrals from partner organizations.
- Hosted and facilitated 3 Industry-Academia Roundtables on Cybersecurity and Engineering.

OUTREACH: Represented Defense industry at over 150 workforce development and career exploration meetings and events, including RI Governor’s Workforce Board initiatives, Pathways in Technology Early College High School (PTECH), National Governor’s Association Education Committee, career fairs, industry panels, RI middle and high schools, and multiple colleges and universities and Veteran’s organizations throughout southeastern New England. Youth industry engagement activities reached over 7,300 middle and high school students.

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RI's U.S. Senators Jack Reed (L) and Sheldon Whitehouse (R) give remarks at Defense Innovations Days



RI Congressmen Jim Langevin (L) and David Cicilline (R) talk with exhibitors Mercury Systems and Evans Capacitor at the 2018 Defense Innovation Days in Newport, RI



Strategic Partners



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Building Resources and Relationships to Accelerate Undersea Technology Innovation



Real Jobs RI is a demand-driven, workforce and economic development initiative to convene industry employers, key stakeholders and groups in partnerships that build alliances to address business workforce demands. SENEDIA is the lead grant recipient for the Defense industry.

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