

2019 Annual Report



SEMEDIA Mission

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

Industry Engagement

COMMUNICATE: Over 125 communiques were sent to members including informational emails and e-Newsletters.

ENGAGE: SENEDIA has approximately 120 active members: small, medium 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 17 Industry Networking Events, including monthly Tech Talks, SENEDIA Annual Member Appreciation Event, SENEDIA Annual Golf Tournament, and 2019 Defense Innovation Days.

RECRUIT: 14 companies and individuals joined SENEDIA, including: AstroNova; Ellen Winsor; Graphene Composites; Greensea Systems, Inc.; Huntington Ingalls Industries; Jonathan Petromelis, President of Samtan Engineering; KAF Manufacturing Company, Inc.; Naval Submarine League; Noelle Simpson Slifka LLC; Persistent Systems, LLC; RightDirection Technology Solutions, LLC; Systel, Inc.; The Geasey Group, LLC; and Thornton Tomasetti, Inc.

Economic & Workforce Development

DEFENSE INNOVATION DAYS – Held 6th Defense Innovation Days event in Newport, RI with close to 400 attendees from over 135 organizations attending. Senior keynote speakers included Secretary of Defense Mark Esper, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition James Geurts, and Director, Defense Information Systems Agency and Commander, Joint Force HQ-DoD Information Network Vice Admiral Nancy Norton, each pictured below.



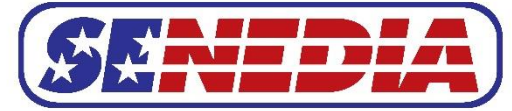
DEFENSE CAREERS:

- Placed 38 interns in member companies and partner organizations and helped an additional 25 job candidates directly into employment. To date from inception, SENEDIA has placed over 200 interns, and over 180 interns and direct-placement candidates are in full-time employment.
- Provided \$3000 in scholarships to college students majoring in STEM fields with the Undersea Educational Foundation contributing an additional \$3500.
- Collaborated with CCRI on CompTIA Security+ Bootcamp to train and upskill 16 trainees that included SENEDIA interns and unemployed referrals from partner organizations.
- Hosted and facilitated two Industry-Academia Roundtables on Cybersecurity and Engineering.

OUTREACH: In support of the SE New England Defense industry, participated in numerous economic and education outreach boards/committees including: RI Defense Economy Planning Commission, UMASS Dartmouth Blue Economy Corridor Advisory Committee, RI Science and Technology Advisory Council, RI Economic Development Planning Council, RI Board of Higher Education, RI Department of Education Career and Technical Education Board, and RI Governor's Workforce Board.

Promoted careers in defense and STEM at workforce development and career exploration meetings and events, including Pathways in Technology Early College High School (PTECH), 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 and career exploration activities reached over 8 500 middle and high school students.

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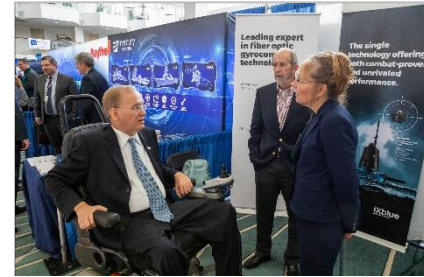
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RI's U.S. Senators Jack Reed (L) and Sheldon Whitehouse (R) give remarks at Defense Innovations Days



RI U.S. Congressmen Jim Langevin (L) and David Cicilline (R) talk with exhibitors iXblue Defense Systems and Leidos at the 2019 Defense Innovation Days in Newport, RI



Strategic Partners



Awareness • Communities of Practice • Training



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. SENEZIA is the lead grant recipient for the Defense industry.

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