



SENEA December 2020 e-Newsletter

From the Executive Director:

I hope you and your teammates are doing well. As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, remember to check your state's website for relevant resources:

- **Connecticut**
- **Massachusetts**
- **Rhode Island**

I wish you and your team a Merry and Healthy Holiday Season and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Below are some items of interest.

Best,
Molly Donohue Magee

Member Spotlight: Planate Management Group

What is your company's history?

Planate Management Group (Planate) is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) founded in Alexandria, VA, in 2007. For over 13 years, Planate has provided innovative installation management and consulting services to public and private sector clients in traditional and challenging environments worldwide.

What services and/or products does your company provide?

Planate is an engineering services firm specializing in facilities, infrastructure, and base operations worldwide. The Planate team offers a full range of architecture and engineering (A&E) design, program construction management, and consulting and technical services. Our capabilities include architectural and engineering design development, facility management, construction management support, and facilities and infrastructure operations.

We currently perform work as a U.S. Government prime and subcontractor in Southeast Asia. We have and are actively providing support throughout the area of responsibility to include Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, and various Pacific Islands. Planate serves as a responsive service provider to our clients by having U.S. national, foreign national, and local national staff within our firm, providing valuable insight and understanding of local operations, ease of execution, and reduced risk. Our global

team of experienced professional and credentialed engineers, architects, analysts, program managers, technicians, and subject matter experts (SMEs) combines to provide our clients agile, responsive, and high-quality solutions for better program operations.

Why do you consider membership in SENEDIA valuable?

Our membership in SENEDIA offers us direct access to the most current information on mission-critical, national security issues to inform our decisions on how we can align with and respond to future defense requirements.

If a company wants to do business with yours, whom should they contact?

Chris Decker – President - email: chris.decker@planate.com

Reese Mangaran – VP, Business Development - email: reese.mangaran@planate.com.

2020 SENEDIA STEM Scholarships Awarded

SENEDIA is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 SENEDIA STEM Scholarships:

Sam Hunt, University of Rhode Island, who is majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in mathematics

Charles Markert, Yale University, double majoring in mechanical engineering and history

Daniel McDonald, University of Michigan, pursuing a master's degree in engineering systems and engineering design

Each scholarship recipient will receive a \$1500 award. Their academic achievements, essays, and recommendations along with their honors, volunteer work and extracurricular activities were the factors that elevated their submissions amongst a very competitive pool of applicants.

Pursuing studies related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are the backbone of the skills and experiences that are important elements in supporting the future national security and defense sector workforce.

We thank all the candidates for their submissions and congratulate the 2020 SENEDIA STEM Scholarship awardees!

Submarine Shipbuilding Workforce Development

Visit our just launched Submarine Shipbuilding Workforce Development website - www.BuildSubmarines.com.

If you are currently part of the submarine shipbuilding supply chain, or want to be, [take our short survey](#) and get on our mailing list.

PTECH Cyber Program

Despite the challenges of the pandemic and distance learning, the Newport PTECH Cybersecurity students remain focused on developing their cybersecurity knowledge and skills, while pursuing their high school diploma and an A.S. Cybersecurity degree at CCRI. [Read more here.](#)

SENEDIA continues its support of the Newport PTECH Cybersecurity program and has planned virtual events throughout the year including a monthly Defense Industry Speaker Series. **If you are interested in being part of the speaker series or panel discussions, please contact the SENEDIA director of education outreach, Linda Larsen llarsen@senedia.org.**

Shop Greater Newport Initiative

Shop Greater Newport, an initiative encouraging consumers to make a big impact by shopping at local, small businesses in the Greater Newport region, has been launched.

A digital directory of small businesses is live at ShopGreaterNewport.com and there are more than 50

businesses registered!

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