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_____ attended the following professional educational activity.
(NAME)

Title: Expanding Cybersecurity Learning and Workforce Opportunities for Rural Americans

Date(s): February 21, 2024 CEU Hours Earned: 1 hour

Sponsor(s): National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Explanation of Event: As we seek to attract underrepresented communities for the cybersecurity workforce, a demographic that is often overlooked and underserved are Americans who live in the rural and remote areas of the United States. While rural America has become more economically diverse and access to information technology has improved in recent years, learners in rural areas still experience challenges as compared to their urban counterparts. The challenges include limited broadband access, limited access to quality education and training, sparse job opportunities, lack of economic diversity, and transportation or community barriers*. However, as rural broadband access improves, access to online learning content becomes ubiquitous, and remote work or telework becomes more prevalent, it seems that rural Americans represent an untapped resource for addressing the cybersecurity workforce needs of employers. This webinar will explore promising practices and policies for expanding access and opportunity for rural Americans to pursue cybersecurity careers. *Source: Navigating Challenges Faced by Rural American job Seekers: A Comprehensive Guide (Center for Workforce Inclusion, August 22, 2023). Webinar attendees will hear presentations from:

- **Ann Manby**, Chief Workforce Development Officer, Center for Workforce Inclusion
- **Dr. Mark R. Hagerott**, Chancellor, North Dakota University System
- **Dr. Chris Sanders**, Founder and Executive Director, Rural Tech Fund

Location: Virtual Webinar; <https://www.nist.gov/news-events/events/nice-webinar-expanding-cybersecurity-learning-and-workforce-opportunities-rural>

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