

NICE 2015 Conference Opens Call for Proposals

San Diego, California – Event organizer NICE365 has opened up its Call for Proposals for [NICE 2015](#), the 6th Annual National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education Conference, taking place in San Diego, California on November 3-4, 2015.

NICE fosters and promotes an ecosystem of cybersecurity education, training, and workforce development that effectively secures cyberspace. The **NICE 2015** Conference is a rallying point around cybersecurity education and workforce development providing a face-to-face convening of public-private partners, an opportunity to signal NICE strategic directions and priorities, and a forum to showcase best practices. Cybersecurity has emerged as one of the leading creators of jobs and opportunity for all economic sectors. The demand for cybersecurity positions in both the public and private sector is large and growing, but the talent pool of cybersecurity workers is not yet able to keep up.

The **NICE 2015 [Program Committee](#)** seeks your participation as a presenter or panelist for one of the 45-minute sessions in this powerful three-track conference. **NICE 2015** offers unparalleled opportunities to demonstrate how your programs, ideas, technologies and processes support the continuing development of tomorrow's cybersecurity leaders. Today's efforts will drive business and job growth, provide opportunity, as well as provide enhanced security for our nation. Share your knowledge and experience by submitting a proposal.

Participants from academia, industry, and government (Federal, State, local, and tribal) are encouraged to address the following strategic cybersecurity education and workforce topics:

Track 1: Accelerate Learning and Skills Development

- Explore programs and techniques that can more rapidly increase the supply of cybersecurity workers;
- Reduce the time and cost for obtaining necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities; and
- Target displaced workers or underemployed individuals who are available and motivated.

Track 2: Establish a Diverse Learning Community

- Seek creative and effective efforts to increase the number of underrepresented populations;
- Drive cybersecurity career awareness, exploration, and preparedness into schools and younger populations; and
- Strengthen formal education programs, technical training and certifications, and co-curricular experiences.

Track 3: Workforce Development and Career Planning

- Analyze data sources that project present and future workforce demand and supply of qualified workers;
- Explore tools and techniques that effectively measure and validate knowledge, skills, and abilities; and
- Identify effective practices and solutions that enhance recruitment, hiring, promotion, and retention.

Proposals will be accepted through September 9, 2015, and should be submitted by selecting "[Submit Abstract](#)" on the [Call for Proposals](#) page of [NICE 2015](#).

If you are not selected to make a session presentation at NICE 2015, you might still be asked to be a topic host for a Birds Of a Feather (BOF) lunch table conversation during NICE 2015. A BOF session will offer a discussion forum that is an ideal platform for sharing experiences. Duration is 25 minutes. BOF sessions do not require slides, but flyer and handout materials can be used. The format of the BOF session is usually 20% speaker/facilitator and 80% interactions with session attendees.

If you are not selected to make a session presentation at NICE 2015, your proposal will be considered for participation within a cybersecurity workforce or education track at another event being developed by NICE365.

In conjunction with the conference, there will be a vendor expo showcasing the latest products and services.

Don't miss this opportunity as there are a limited number of [exhibit booths](#) available (30) and [sponsorships](#) are encouraged. All showcase participants will receive:

- Visibility to all attendees including program executives, innovators, and senior leadership from across the spectrum of public and private sector stakeholders in the Cyber Education Initiative;
- On-line exposure prior to, during, and after the event;
- Company listing (and ad/logo for sponsors) within the program guide; and
- Listing on the [NICE365 National Cyber Education Map](#).

Sincerely,

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