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Meeting Minutes  
Subcommittee on Economic Development  
September 24, 2019  
11:00 am 1:00 pm  
UMGC Inn and Conference Center (Room 1310)  
3501 University Boulevard East  
Hyattsville, Maryland

Attendance

: Bel Leong-Hong (Chair), Brian Israel, Mathew Lee, Ken McCreedy, Gregg Smith, and Stacy Smith. Whitney Harmel observed for Christine Ross who was unable to join the meeting (6/12).

: Howard Barr (Assistant Attorney General and Chief Counsel, DoIT), Hannibal Kemerer (Director of Legislative Affairs, OAG), Derek Chung (Kai Global), Dr. Greg von Lehmen (Staff, Maryland Cybersecurity Council).

: Libby Bennett and Jason Newman

Meeting Summary:

1. Welcome by Bel Leong-Hong. The chair opened the meeting by having the members introduce themselves for the benefit of the public attendees and of the subcommittee members themselves since there were some changes in the membership. Specifically, Gregg Smith (Vice Chair of the CAMI Board) has joined the subcommittee representing CAMI and Stacy Smith has continued on the subcommittee but in a new role as representative of the Maryland Tech Council. The members of the public also introduced themselves.
2. Draft Minutes for the March 12, 2019, meeting. On a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as presented.
3. Discussion of the meeting format. For the convenience of the members, it was agreed to continue to offer remote means of participating and to use video conferencing in lieu of the polycom as much as possible going forward.
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Activities Report of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council (at page 27  
<http://www.umuc.edu/mdcybersecuritycouncil>)
  - a. Recommendation 7 (Consolidating and streamlining existing business tax credits.) As part of an effort at simplification, there is discussion within the General Assembly about lowering business taxes in general. It was noted that this could mean that tax credits aimed specifically at the cybersecurity sector would be eliminated. Some of

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5. Security clearances. The process of obtaining clearances has become a major impediment to bidding on contracts (small and medium-size firms) and to accomplishing work under contracts (all firms). Part of the problem is that not all government agencies have the same requirements; e.g. DHS will not accept CIA clearances. There are initiatives, like Project Scope, to help build the pipeline of people who can be more quickly cleared, but while such programs will bear some good fruit, they do not address the challenges with the clearance process itself.

Facility clearances is another dimension of the problem. The issue involves small companies having the need to do a cleared contract and being on a team whose prime is willing to initiate a facility clearance for the company.

Outcome: The chair and Stacy Smith will brainstorm next steps to address these issues.

6. The chair noted that the subcommittee did not address Recommendation 5 (Cybersecurity Workforce Development) # K A Report. A key element of this recommendation is to raise the cap for employer reimbursement of wages paid to technical interns and apprentices in cybersecurity to a level closer to the actual wage paid.

Outcome: the chair U = # k # next steps on this recommendation and to bring that information back to the subcommittee as an update.

7. There being no further business, the subcommittee was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Note: These minutes were approved at the April 29, 2020, meeting of the subcommittee.