

Lockheed Martin Supports Research In Information Assurance At Carnegie Mellon University

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Lockheed Martin Corporation presented Carnegie Mellon University with a \$25,000 grant to support its programs, including a campaign to make 10 million home computer users savvy about cyber security.

Lockheed Martin's grant, with other corporate grants and funding from the Army Research Office, will help Carnegie Mellon University's CyLab facility continue ongoing research and development in cyber security and to use findings to educate the public on cyber-related issues, such as identity theft and hacker attacks.

"We are extremely pleased with Lockheed Martin's decision to become a member of CyLab," said Pradeep Khosla, co-director of CyLab. "Lockheed Martin's contribution will support CyLab's ongoing research and education program designed to deliver a new generation of security technology and to educate tomorrow's leaders to better enable them to protect the nation's critical information infrastructure."

Under the auspices of CyLab, researchers from the university's top-ranked schools in electrical and computer engineering, computer science, and public policy will collaborate across disciplines and work closely with government, business, and other sectors to improve information security and software quality.

"CyLab's mission for education is to create cyber awareness at all levels and educate individuals through a dynamic curriculum that raises awareness of cyber security threats, promotes safe and responsible online behavior, and builds capacity for the protection of the national information infrastructure," said Dena Haritos Tsamitis, director of education, training and outreach for CyLab. "Some of our specific goals include creating 10 million cyber-aware citizens worldwide, starting with 20,000 households in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in the next 12 months," Tsamitis said.

Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Laboratories, Cherry Hill, NJ, selected CyLab for the grant because of its leadership in developing security for distributed systems and networks, according to Allen Ott, chair of Lockheed Martin's Information Assurance Technology Focus Group. The group works to advance, apply, and increase awareness of technology solutions relevant to information assurance.

"Carnegie Mellon University's revolutionary research and its relevance to real-world issues will benefit all of us in many positive ways, from those who use online bill pay to those who simply chat online. The grant will help some of the nation's brightest minds find solutions to some pretty tough problems," Ott said.

About Carnegie Mellon University:

Carnegie Mellon University has one of the most technologically sophisticated campuses in the world. When it introduced its "Andrew" computing network in the mid-1980s, it pioneered educational applications of technology. Technology is pervasive on the university's 110-acre campus, where 5,000 undergraduate students and 3,000 graduate students receive an education characterized by a focus on problem-solving, interdisciplinary collaboration, and access to research projects.

About Lockheed Martin Corporation:

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin employs about 130,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture and integration of advanced technology systems, products and services.

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