

# The Minnesota Cyber Security Careers Consortium

*An industry-education partnership to promote cyber security careers and skills for Minnesota students through competitions and engagement with industry*

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## Second Organizational Meeting Announcement and Invitation

**Date/Time:** Wed., Mar. 2, 2011, 2-5 p.m. (DATE CHANGED FROM FEBRUARY 10)  
**Location:** Wells Fargo Operations Center, Minneapolis MN  
**Host:** Steve Brown, Senior Vice President, Wells Fargo  
**Purpose:** Establish mission, objectives, governance and agenda of the Consortium  
**RSVP:** Please use our brief online response form to indicate interest in the project as well as to RSVP for event. More details will follow to those who RSVP.

### Initial Organizers

Wells Fargo  
Symantec  
Minnesota Office of  
Enterprise Technology  
MSI Systems Integrators  
NetSPI  
Minnesota State  
University, Mankato  
Midwave  
Metropolitan State University  
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ArcSight, Inc.  
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### Summary Background Information (See [webpage](#) for more details)

Cyber security represents one of the most exciting, challenging and financially rewarding careers available to young people today, and one of the greatest challenges for employers in need of those skills. The U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics projects there will be over 155,000 job openings for individuals with these important skills between now and 2018; the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest job growth rate in the United States.

But how do we help students develop the level of awareness, interest and preparation needed to pursue this opportunity and fill urgently needed roles in our companies, law enforcement agencies and national defense organizations?

According to a 2010 report compiled by [Deloitte](#), the leading approach is to provide opportunities that engage students with career-related activities, and in particular gaming, which has proven to be especially effective in developing student interest.

And that's a primary strategy of a new industry-education partnership now forming in Minnesota through the leadership of Wells Fargo and Advance IT Minnesota. The Consortium is looking to work with leaders from other companies and agencies who want to build upon an already strong security community in Minnesota by increasing the cyber security talent pool in Minnesota and beyond. A modest investment of time and dollars, leveraged with other resources, will make a big difference in the coming years.

Companies involved in our initial organizational meeting this past fall invite you to join us in this important effort. A brief, simple [sign-up form](#) is available online. Additional details about current efforts can be found at <http://ia.advanceitmn.org/content/minnesota-cyber-security-careers-consortium>