The Centers of Excellence Statewide Cybersecurity Study Earns a National Award
Recognizes RP Group Researcher

SAN RAFAEL, CA, May 23, 2019 – The RP Group, a research and education-focused non-profit, announced that the Centers of Excellence (COE) statewide cybersecurity study — conducted by COE members, RP Group researcher KC Greaney, and others — has earned a national award from the Council on Community and Economic Research (C2ER).

The cybersecurity study collected and analyzed information from employers and colleges in order to (1) identify misalignment between supply and demand in the cybersecurity workforce, and to (2) develop recommendations for use in workforce and educational planning.

The key findings from the COE cybersecurity study were also cited in testimony before the California Assembly as evidence for the need to pass Assembly Bill 1566. If enacted, AB 1566 would establish the California Cyber Range Pilot Project, under the administration of the California Cybersecurity Institute, at one or more California four-year institutions. A cyber range is “a virtual environment that is used for cyberwarfare training and cybertechnology development. It provides tools that help strengthen the stability, security and performance of cyberinfrastructures and IT systems...”

Director of Research and Evaluation for the RP Group, Alyssa Nguyen, said, “We value the recognition given to this study and are honored to have such dedicated members of our team contributing to this important work.”

The C2ER awards program recognizes the contribution of research activities to the success of local, regional, or state community, economic, and workforce development initiatives. More information on the cybersecurity study can be found here. The study is part of the CASCADE program and is designated under the project impact/program evaluation or assessment category of the awards program. Winners will be officially announced at the awards ceremony at the C2ER/LMI Institute annual conference in June, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mission Statement
Through professional and leadership development, technical assistance, research, and evaluation services, the RP Group strengthens the ability of California Community Colleges to discover and undertake high quality research, planning, and assessments that improve evidence-based decision-making, institutional effectiveness, and success for all students.

About the RP Group
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