



## Parsons to Support NSA Competition Training Future Cyber Warriors

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CENTREVILLE, Va., April 7, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Parsons Corporation (NYSE: PSN) will provide support to the National Security Agency's (NSA) three-day cyber competition – NSA Cyber Exercise (NCX) – designed to enhance the full-spectrum cyber operational capabilities of U.S. Service Academies, senior military colleges, and current employees in NSA development programs. The program will enhance participant's cybersecurity skills, teamwork, planning, communication, and decision-making. The challenge will occur virtually from April 8-10, 2021.

NCX is structured to provide both predictable and unexpected scenarios that ensure agility against the backdrop of an ever-evolving cyber landscape. Participants well-versed in computing and security principles can influence and contribute to national security by applying those principles on a simulated operational network.

"The NSA's novel approach to practical operations and education significantly enhances the readiness of our nation's warfighters in the cyber domain," said Nicholas Jackson, a vice president of Parsons' cyber business. "We are excited to bring real-world application and institutional knowledge to this competition, in the hopes of advancing all participants' full-spectrum cyber competencies."

Parsons will plan, develop, implement, score, and facilitate five unclassified modules – cryptography, forensics, reverse engineering, cyber policy, and cyber combat – designed to merge two goals: principal-based, university-level education; and the NSA's requirement for expertise on the current networks-of-practice.

The company has hosted 70 cyber capture the flag (CTF) events in-person and virtually at both Parsons facilities and external locations across the United States, including Augusta, Ga.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; and El Segundo, Calif.

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