



Women in Technology Brings Together Key National Cybersecurity Experts to Discuss Future of Cybersecurity in October WIT.Connect Event

Former DHS Cybersecurity Official and Former Executive Director of the Presidential Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity Join Expert Panel

October 2, 2017 — FALLS CHURCH, Va., — Women in Technology (WIT) Washington D.C. Metro area today announced that it is hosting a panel of cybersecurity experts on October 19, 2017 from 6:00p.m. - 8:30p.m. to discuss “Where is Cybersecurity Going – And Where Should It Go?” The all-star lineup of panelists includes:

- **Phil Lacombe**, President and Chief Operating Officer, STG
- **Dr. Phyllis A. Schneck**, Managing Director and Global Leader of Cyber Solutions, Promontory Financial Group, an IBM Company
- **Kiersten Todt**, President and Managing Partner, Liberty Group Ventures
- **Katharine Murphy**, SVP, Software Development, Systems and Services Sector, STG

As data and networks become progressively central to everything from retail to medicine to defense and intelligence, they become increasingly complex and more attractive targets. The threat landscape worldwide continues to expand, challenging “cyber protectors” across all aspects of government and society.

Government agencies and organizations are turning to advanced analytics tools and technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning for securing Big Data from attack. Innovative approaches are seeking to leverage high-performance computing, big data analytics, and other developing capabilities to assure mission and business success, and achieve new levels of performance with such things as self-detecting and self-healing data and networks. They can work in sync to form a powerful technology stack that helps businesses identify and avoid digital attacks.

The panel will discuss innovative approaches organizations are taking to identify and avoid digital attacks.

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. EST

Place: 11091 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 200, Reston, Virginia 20190

Registration: To register for the event, please visit <http://bit.ly/2fcPseS>



Speaker Biographies

Phil Lacombe is President and Chief Operating Officer with STG. A seasoned industry executive with over 20 years of leadership experience in the defense and national security technology sector, Lacombe leads a top tier management team dedicated to developing and selling software, analytics and cyber security capability. In 2008 he co-founded Secure Mission Solutions, which he led as President and Chief Operating Officer until its acquisition by Parsons in 2014. He remained with Parsons to lead its commercial cyber security business and the SMS business unit. Prior to SMS, Mr. Lacombe held senior positions with a number of major defense technology businesses, including SAIC, General Dynamics, and Veridian Corporation. He has served on a number of U.S. Government panels, including as Staff Director of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection.

Dr. Phyllis Schneck is Managing Director and Global Leader of Cyber Solutions with Promontory. She has more than 15 years of government and private-sector experience in senior cybersecurity positions and leads Promontory's cybersecurity practice. She joined Promontory from the Department of Homeland Security, where she served as the deputy undersecretary for cybersecurity and communications and led responses to cybersecurity threats against corporations, civilians, and the government. During her DHS tenure, she led the defensive cybersecurity operational mission to mitigate and respond to cyber threats across the federal civilian government and private sector. She supported the department's mission of strengthening the security and resilience of the nation's critical infrastructure, working with all areas of the department, government agencies, law enforcement, and the private sector.

Kiersten Todt is the President and Managing Partner of Liberty Group Ventures, LLC, where she develops risk and crisis management solutions for clients in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. Ms. Todt is the resident scholar at the University of Pittsburgh Institute for Cyber Law, Policy, and Security. She is also the Managing Director of the Cyber Readiness Institute. She most recently served as the Executive Director of the Presidential Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity. Prior to this role, Ms. Todt was a member of the team supporting the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in the development of the Voluntary Cybersecurity Framework called for in President Obama's 2013 Executive Order on cybersecurity.

Katharine Murphy is the Senior Vice President, Software Development, Systems and Services Sector with STG. Katharine brings twenty-five years of experience across a broad range of customers to include USAID, DOJ, DHS, DARPA, as well as state/local customers. She has extensive experience managing businesses focused on delivering total solutions and systems to government customers predominantly in the information technology, knowledge management and operational support areas. She has held several positions with General Dynamics Advanced Information Solutions, where she led software, systems and solutions development and delivery for very complex systems in the homeland security, defense and national law enforcement missions.

About Women in Technology

Women in Technology (WIT) is a not-for-profit organization with the mission of advancing women in technology—from the classroom to the boardroom—by providing advocacy, leadership development, networking, mentoring and technology education. For more information, please



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