

Homeland Security-Emergency Management

Center of Excellence March2015 Report

SBCTC Site Visit – A Team from the colleges and SBCTC participated in a review of the Center on March 2. Six members of the Center’s Advisory Board, staff and Pierce Executive Team Members participated including President Yochum. The Site Review Team held separate meetings with the Advisory Board, staff and Executive Management and provided the Center with a report on March 18.

Educators-Practitioners Summit – Save-the-date announcements and presentation/presenter requests developed and being distributed. Morning panel presenters are confirmed and include EMD Directors past and present – Glen Woodbury, Jim Mullen and Robert Ezell. Bi-monthly meetings will be held with work group.

Department of Homeland Security Grant Finalist: Department of Homeland Security Grant site review was held on March 17 at the UW. DHS grant review team congratulated us on being actually one of only three finalists in the country selected from a pool of over 25 applicants the largest pool the grant program had seen. The Center is part of the management team for the proposed program called the Collaborative Resilience Institute (CORE-1). DHS reviewers were very interested in the Center’s workforce proposal. We are to hear about their decision sometime early in April. Several partnerships with programs within UW and other state universities have been developed from this collaboration including with Tacoma UW’s Cyber Security Leadership Master’s Degree.

BASIC FUNCTIONS:

Industry Based Advisory Board – Prepared for the Board’s Annual Meeting which will be held at Lakewold Garden on April 20 and address the development of a short and long range plan for the Center.

Convene, problem solve & disseminate industry-specific solutions

- Distributed five (5) HSEM **eBulletins** to stakeholders, faculty and staff.

Provide & solicit updates from stakeholders

- Published a section that documents all of the trends and skills assessment the Center has done since 2007. Published the video and written summary from the Protecting WA Supply Chain: Security & Resilience [Protecting WA Supply Chain: Security & Resilience 2014 Forum](#).

Provide maximum efficiency and leverage available resources to support operations/initiatives

- Developed a partnership understanding with UW Tacoma’s Cyber Security Leadership MA Program.

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- Continue to provide support to Pierce in development of BAS HSEM degree. New Coordinator was able to complete the Statement of Need for review and approval to Pierce Administration and prepared for submittal to State Board.

Effective broker for all colleges

- Working with members of the Security, Safety and Emergency Management's Council meeting on the planning for the June 17 Campus Safety, Security, EM Conference the Center. Completed draft agenda.
- Facilitating the development of an MOU between the statewide HSEM Degree program and Grays Harbor College. Met with Gray Harbor Community College to review the HSEM Degree Program to determine their interest in becoming a collaborating college and connected them with Steve Lettic the CJ Coordinating at Highline College who is working with us on developing a new certificate for security/asset and resource protection officers which Grays Harbor is interested in. Provided information to So. Seattle CC regarding HSEM Degree Program collaboration.

Maintain Website

- Assisted the COE Directors and Global Trade Center on develop a new www.coewa.com website that is now operational.