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The National Information, Security & Geospatial Technologies Consortium

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Message from the Principal Investigator

This newsletter is the first in a series of quarterly publications. This first publication will be distributed only electronically. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform readers about the accomplishments of the NISGTC program. We invite you to contribute to future newsletters.

We are in year one of our four-year NISGTC grant-funded program. An education initiative, NISGTC is a partnership between Collin College (lead), Bellevue College, Bunker Hill Community College, Del Mar College, Moraine Valley Community College, Rio Salado College, and Salt Lake City Community College. Please take the time to learn more about NISGTC.

Ann Beheler, NISGTC Principal Investigator

MISSION STATEMENT

We strive to meet industry's needs for an educated and prepared Information Technology (IT) workforce, The National Information, Security, and Geospatial Technology Consortium (NISGTC), a national consortium of community colleges comprised of award-winning National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Centers with other leading colleges and national strategic partners, have come together to expand and enhance a variety of best-in class education and training strategies to help trade-impacted and other low-skilled workers persist, complete post-secondary education, and secure employment with family sustaining wages in the IT industry.

Save the Date!

Virtual Lab Installation (vLab) September/October

The installation of the new vLab will be installed on member campuses.

Working Connections

December 17-19, 2012

Professional Development opportunities for IT faculty and professionals.

NISGTC Annual Meeting

February 27&28, 2013

Members will meet to brainstorm new ideas for upcoming projects.





NISGTC Facts

NISGTC is a three-year, \$20 million federal grant established in 2011.

4 Specialty Areas

- Cybersecurity
- Geospatial Technology
- Programming
- Network and Data Communications

Incentives

- State-of-the-art Virtual Lab
- Mentor Relationships/Internships
- Private Tutoring Den
- Special Advising
- Career Coaches

Photo Gallery

Top: Mark DuBois, Working Connections Instructor introduces a new photography effect to students.

Bottom left: Don Peeto and Judith Morel discuss strategies at the consortium’s Institute for Women in Trades, Technology, and Science (IWITTS) training.

Bottom Right: Marisol Espinal, NISGTC Collin College Career Coach informs Collin student, Juan Martinez about various information technology programs offered through the consortium.



IWITTS Training at Collin College

NISGTC consortium members convened at the Collin College Preston Ridge campus in Frisco, Texas, to attend the IWITTS training. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping educators learn skills in recruiting and retaining women and minorities in technology. Donna Milgram, founder and Executive Director of IWITTS, engaged individuals in various discussions, presented useful marketing strategies, and helped team leaders develop a strategic outreach and recruiting plan.

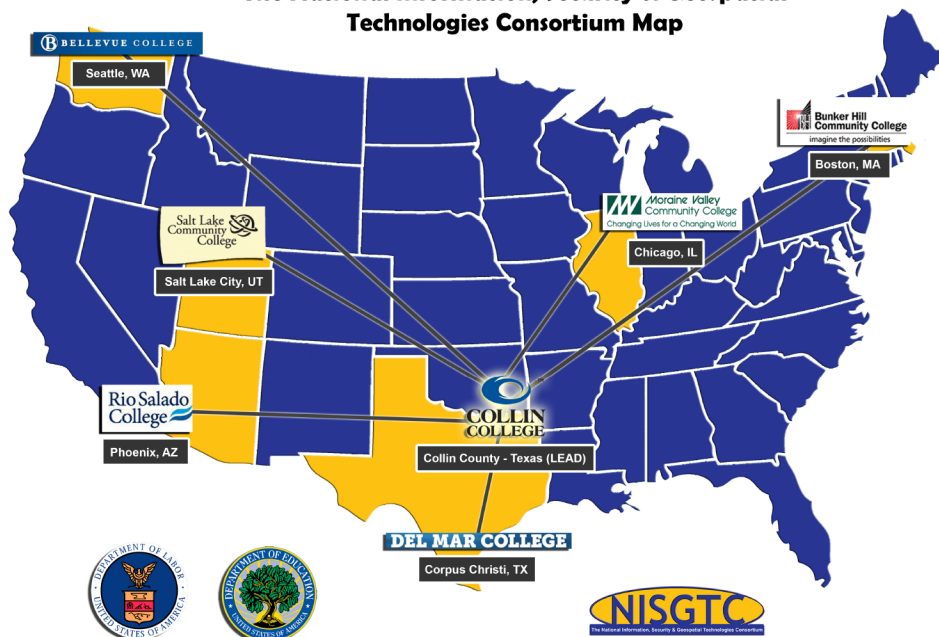


Above: NISGTC consortium members pose after the closing of their IWITTS training.



Above: Donna Milgram, IWITTS Executive Director helps Mindy Miles and Betty Louis, NISGTC Del Mar College staff brainstorm ideas for their outreach and recruiting plan.

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