

University of Maryland, Baltimore County Receives MHEC Grant for BRAC-related Education and Training

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) Higher Education Investment Fund (HEIF) has awarded a grant to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) in support of BRAC-related education and training.

Baltimore, MD – December 16, 2009 - The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) Higher Education Investment Fund (HEIF) has announced a grant to UMBC in the amount of \$83,280. The grant is the second award to UMBC by MHEC in the past two years, in support of BRAC-related education and training.

The award will enable UMBC Training Centers to establish The Center for Cybersecurity Training, and to develop and expand programs that support the cyber mission of the region's government agencies and contractor community. The project will help UMBC develop a regional workforce with the qualifications and skills to support local cybersecurity needs as well as the significant national cybersecurity initiatives within our state.

According to project director and UMBC vice provost and UMBC Training Centers' president Dr. John Martello, "the BRAC-related movement of government and military functions from other locations to Ft. Meade, Aberdeen Proving Ground and Ft. Detrick provides incredible opportunities for the State of Maryland and its citizens. It also creates significant challenges, including ensuring that government and business have a well prepared workforce and a pipeline of future talent to help support their missions."

Jon Lau, UMBC Training Centers' practice manager for IT & Engineering programs will lead the project at UMBC Training Centers. According to Lau, "the end result of this initiative will be the development and delivery of 15 new, noncredit courses that address critical cybersecurity workforce needs. We anticipate between 75 and 150 students will participate in the initial offerings of these courses. Eventually, we hope to train an additional 720 students annually in this critical area."

Additional information on UMBC Training Centers' cyber training initiatives can be found at <http://www.umbc.edu/trainctr/certificate.html>.

Information on UMBC's other BRAC initiatives can be found at <http://www.umbc.edu/brac/>

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