



On October 31, 2011, Rich Mountain Community College received notification that their request for a National Science Foundation-backed Cyber Security Education Consortium (CSEC) grant was approved. Joel Bush, RMCC Technology Division Chair, submitted the grant request for approval. It provides \$6750 for program-specific expenditures, and an additional amount up to \$5000 for instructor training, for a total of \$11,750. These funds will be used to obtain software and hardware to create a security and forensics module in the popular RMCC Computer Maintenance course, fund a workshop for first responders during the spring semester, and provide additional instructor training in Certified Ethical Hacking and cyber security.

RMCC is a member of the Arkansas Cyber Security Education Consortium (ARCSEC). ARCSEC is part of the Cyber Security Education Consortium based at the University of Tulsa and their purpose is to support the development of information security education programs in an eight-state region that stretches from Tennessee to Colorado. CSEC has three objectives: 1) provide support for two-year college instructors to become proficient in information security, 2) provide support for two-year colleges to develop courses, programs, and workshops that help meet the need for information security training in the colleges' service areas, and 3) provide limited support for the purchase of hardware and software to equip information security labs. The primary objective of CSEC member institutions is to deliver high quality information security training to their students and communities.

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