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Cyber Security Summit Draws Regional Experts

(Boise) Cybersecurity experts from across the Pacific Northwest shared the challenges of securing individual networks and identifying security solutions at a summit hosted by the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security today at the Hewlett-Packard Co. campus in Boise.

The Idaho Cyber Security Interdependencies Workshop drew approximately 150 state, local, tribal, territorial and private-sector representatives. Idaho Lieutenant Governor Brad Little gave the welcoming remarks. The Center for Regional Disaster Resilience and the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) helped organize the summit.

"Here in Idaho we need to move beyond protecting our individual computer systems to forming a coalition of people and organizations dedicated to enhancing cybersecurity," said Brigadier General Brad Richy, Director of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security. "By working together, we can leverage our significant combined cyber expertise to create a more secure and resilient state."

Attendees included representatives from the Idaho National Laboratory, Micron Technology, Hewlett-Packard, St. Luke's Health System, Supervalu Inc., Boise State University, Norco, the Idaho Army National Guard, the City of Boise, sheriff's offices statewide and roughly a dozen State of Idaho agencies. One objective of the event was to improve organizations' ability to prevent cybersecurity intrusions into their computer systems and to cultivate stronger public-private partnerships.

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