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AT&T Increases Support of CyberPatriot as Cyber Diamond Sponsor

ARLINGTON, Va. -- The Air Force Association (AFA) announced today that AT&T* has increased its support level, becoming a Cyber Diamond Sponsor of AFA’s CyberPatriot – National High School Cyber Defense Competition.

As AFA’s signature program, CyberPatriot helps develop cyber security skills in today's youth who will become the nation’s future cyber defenders and cyber leaders. It combines online education and a competition structure that allows hands-on learning while competing virtually against their peers and introduces many to the idea of cyber security as a profession.

“AT&T is proud to increase its support for this important program. We need to start training the next generation of leaders in cyber security now, and the CyberPatriot does just that. It is a proven program that aligns perfectly with our continued commitment to exciting students and improving education in America,” said John Klebonis, Vice President, DoD Segment, AT&T Government Solutions and member of the CyberPatriot Board of Advisors.

This year, CyberPatriot has more than 1,200 teams registered representing all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe and the Pacific, and Canada.

"We are very grateful for AT&T’s continued support of CyberPatriot, illustrating their firm commitment to promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) for students,” said Bernie Skoch, CyberPatriot Commissioner. “Today’s youth will be critical to our nation’s success, which demands we strengthen the technical workforce, and I feel privileged to be part of this important program that contributes to that development.”

AT&T began its sponsorship of CyberPatriot in 2010. In past competitions, AT&T has provided thousands of Internet access cards to the student competition. Such support, carried out only through AT&T, has enabled teams with insufficient or insufficiently permissive bandwidth to compete in CyberPatriot.

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- EDUCATE the public on the critical need for unmatched aerospace power and a technically superior workforce to ensure U.S. national security.
- ADVOCATE for aerospace power and STEM education.
- SUPPORT the Total Air Force family and promote aerospace education.

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