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FuzeHub Plans Cybersecurity Event to Help Manufacturers Strengthen Defenses

December 5 forum in Suffolk County will help area manufacturers understand risks they face, heighten cyber protections

STONY BROOK, N.Y. – Area manufacturing companies can learn how to protect themselves from rising cyber threats during a special event Thursday, December 5 at Stony Brook University (SBU). FuzeHub, the statewide New York Manufacturing Extension Partnership center, will hold a Cybersecurity Forum for Manufacturers at SBU’s Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology (CEWIT) Building.

Industry professionals will hear from experts about the latest trends in cybersecurity, and they will participate in a cyber assessment workshop that will focus on new U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) requirements that affect all defense contractors.

Across New York State, more than 1,600 manufacturers have DOD contracts. To retain those and win future contracts, manufacturers must be in compliance with the DOD’s heightened requirements.

“Cyber threats are rising, and manufacturers locally and nationwide are susceptible to attack, especially if they have contracts with the Department of Defense,” said FuzeHub Executive Director Elena Garuc. “New York State has an extensive network of cybersecurity experts ready to answer questions and solve challenges to help companies secure their systems and strengthen their defenses against new and emerging risks.”

To organize the Cybersecurity Forum, FuzeHub is partnering with the [MEP National Network](#), the Manufacturing and Technology Resource Consortium ([MTRC](#)) at SBU, the Advanced Institute for Manufacturing ([AIM](#)) at Mohawk Valley Community College, [MilTech](#) and [NYSTAR](#) (Empire State Development’s Division of Science, Technology and Innovation).

Long Island-based business leaders will join experts from across the state and nation to share insights and guidance with manufacturers.

For more information, a full list of speakers and registration, visit: <https://fuzehub.com/cybersecurity-forum-for-manufacturers/>

KEY FACTS FOR MEDIA:

- **What:** A FuzeHub Cybersecurity Forum for Manufacturers

- **When:** 8 a.m.- 2 p.m., Thursday, December 5 (*Ideal time for video/photos: 10:45-12:30 p.m.*)
- **Where:** Stony Brook University, Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology (CEWIT) Building, Room 200, 1500 Stony Brook Road, Stony Brook, NY 11794
- **Who:** Interviews are available on site and in advance, upon request

About FuzeHub

FuzeHub is a not-for-profit organization that connects New York's small and mid-sized manufacturing companies to the resources, programs and expertise they need for technology commercialization, innovation, and business growth. Through its custom assessment, matching, and referral platform, FuzeHub helps companies navigate New York's robust network of industry experts at Manufacturing Extension Partnership centers, universities, economic development organizations, and other providers. FuzeHub is the statewide New York Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program (MEP) center, supported by Empire State Development's Division of Science, Technology & Innovation. For more information on FuzeHub, visit www.fuzehub.com.

About the New York Manufacturing Extension Partnership

The New York Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NY MEP) is a network of 11 organizations that provide growth and innovation services to small and mid-sized manufacturers in every corner of the state to help them create and retain jobs, increase profits, and save time and money. For more information on NY MEP, visit newyorkmep.org.

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