

PROJECT SNAPSHOT



GRANTEE
Marshall University Research Corporation



STATES IMPACTED
Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and West Virginia



ARC FUNDING
\$500,000

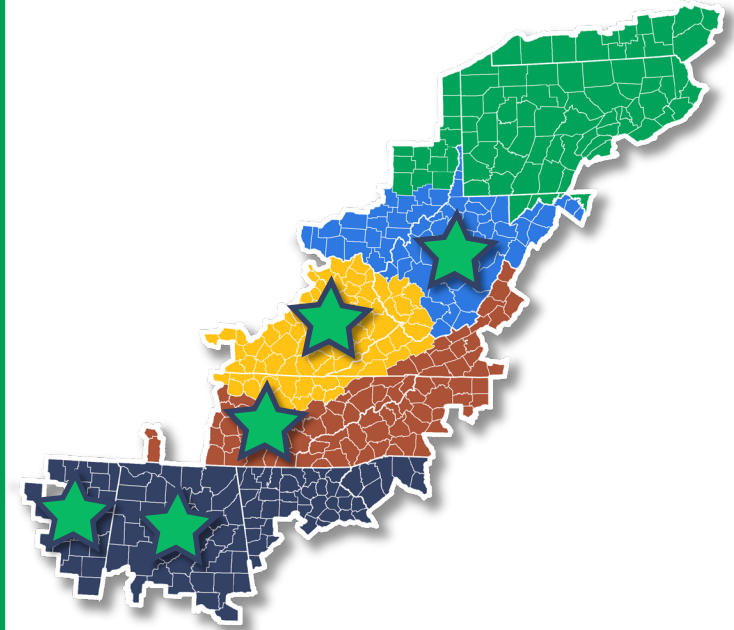


PARTNERS
West Virginia State University, and Mountwest Community & Technical College in WV; University of Alabama at Huntsville in AL; Ashland Community & Technical College in KY; Mississippi State University in MS; and Tennessee Technological University in TN



ANNOUNCEMENT DATE
May 2024

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Impacting six counties across West Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee, this project will plan for the creation of the first Appalachian Cybersecurity Training, Innovation & Opportunity Network (“Appalachian ACTION”) to train states, municipalities and key industry sectors on protecting their critical infrastructure from cybersecurity threats and attacks. Appalachian ACTION also seeks to employ skilled workers to address the growing cybersecurity workforce sector.

Through 2030, the number of Information Security Analysts in the project's geography is expected to increase by 17.5%, and this incoming workforce must be trained to undertake critical infrastructure cybersecurity duties. The project will meet this need and provide training for good paying cybersecurity careers throughout the region.

Project partners bring a combined \$426,000 in matching funds. The project will develop an Appalachian ACTION strategic plan over the 12-month performance period.