

PROJECT SNAPSHOT



GRANTEE
American Association of Community Colleges



STATES IMPACTED
All 13 Appalachian states



ARC FUNDING
\$10,000,000

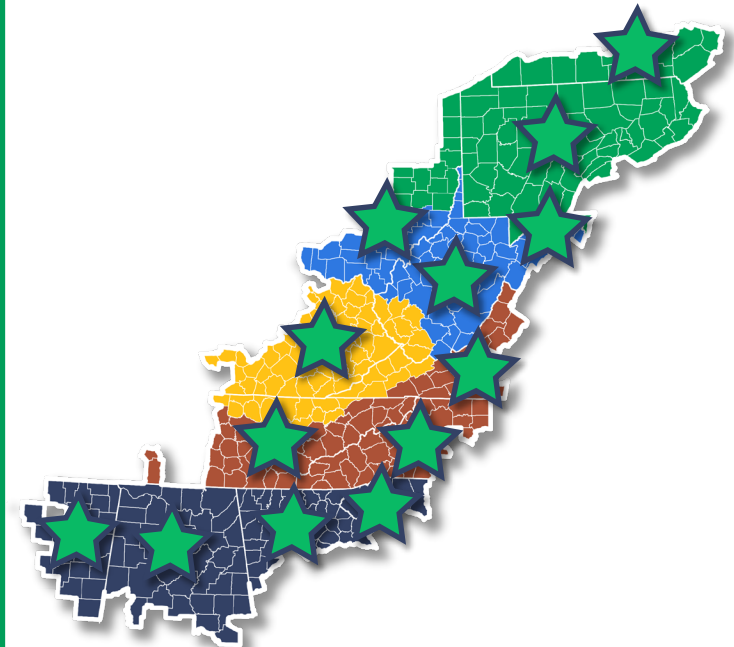


PARTNERS
Community Colleges of Appalachia, Microsoft, Ferrilli, Telecommunications Information Association, Lockheed Martin, IBM, Brown Bridges, LLC, and 30 Community Colleges across 13 Appalachian states



ANNOUNCEMENT DATE
October 2024

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Impacting 99 counties across all 13 Appalachian states, this collaborative project will advance cybersecurity workforce training programs across 30 community colleges in the region. The Cyber ACCESS project will directly increase the number of qualified cybersecurity professionals in Appalachia by facilitating collaboration between employers (e.g., IBM, Lockheed Martin) and community colleges to upskill and train regional talent; preparing students to obtain new and existing credentials (e.g., AWS, Cisco, CompTIA, EC Council, Fortinet, Google, IBM, Linux+, Microsoft); and creating regional communities of cybersecurity practice for knowledge-sharing. Community college partners will offer curriculum and hands-on training that prepares students to enter the IT industry sector, in addition to cybersecurity specializations in healthcare, manufacturing, financial service, retail, education and government administration, and agriculture industry sectors.

AACC and partners bring a combined \$7,763,713 in matching funds to this project. This project is anticipated to serve 1,500 participants, 250 workers/trainers, and 32 businesses through involvement over the 5-year performance period.