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Cyber Updates from the Desk of Craig Spohn



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to tell you about the addition of a new tenant, Venyu, at the National Cyber Research Park. Venyu, a Baton Rouge-based IT firm, is a leader in commercial-grade, customizable solutions for data protection, availability and recovery. This expansion to our government-grade facility marks a new addition to the Venyu portfolio of datacenters and further expands its capabilities for managed datacenter and co-location services. It also underscores Venyu's commitment to advancing verified security for data storage, recovery, and hosting. In a time of economic distress when many businesses are either holding fast or retrenching, we are impressed with Venyu's investment in a technologically-advanced datacenter that fully utilizes the benefits inherent in the Cyber Innovation Center and the National Cyber Research Park.

Venyu will occupy a custom-designed 10,000 sq. ft. center that includes 1,250 sq. ft. of office space and a nearly 9,000 sq. ft. commercial datacenter. It will have a Network Operations Center (NOC) that is manned 24-7-365 and is responsible for management and operations of the datacenter. Venyu is now interviewing and hiring approximately a dozen personnel, including a

sales representative, network analysts to work in the NOC, and technical equipment experts to support the large amount of computer equipment that populates a datacenter.

Venyu deploys best-of-breed online data backup technologies that feature automated offsite storage in redundant, geographically-diverse, Tier IV datacenters. For a comprehensive compliance solution or for rapid ediscovery, Venyu also delivers email archiving in a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) model. Venyu offers tailored solutions to satisfy the associated recovery, redundancy, and archival requirements it has. For incidental file losses, restores are done online from continuous backups or scheduled retentions. Large volumes can be quickly recovered using integrated virtual servers or portable drives can be shipped directly to the recovery site. Venyu also specializes in high availability and MS Exchange services to keep critical business applications running without interruption. To avoid the risk of financial devastation if an outage occurs, Venyu offers managed application hosting, virtual and MS Exchange hosting, co-location, and SaaS solutions designed to meet the nuances of today's businesses.

Please join us at our February luncheon as we welcome Venyu's Brian Vandergrift, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, as our guest speaker. He will discuss the importance of securely storing data and recent changes and

advancements in the industry. He will also highlight the services available for companies that have data storage needs. For more information about Venyu, please click on the logo below to visit their website:



In other news, the CIC is continuing to advance workforce and education initiatives throughout the region. Next month is the Mini-Urban Challenge and we are currently piloting a new Cyber Science course at Benton High School. These activities are developing a workforce for the future, and Venyu is just one example of the jobs to which today's students can look forward. These are exciting times.

Also, please update your records with our new phone number (318-759-1600) and address (6300 E. Texas St., Suite 100, Bossier City, LA 71111). As of February 1st, calls to our old number (318-678-6000) will no longer be forwarded to us.

Happy New Year! I wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2011!

Sincerely,

Craig Spohn



Camp Minden Graduation Reception

On January 21, the CIC will serve as the venue for the Camp Minden Graduation Reception celebrating the 100,000th graduate of the Louisiana National Guard's Youth ChalleNGe program. We are pleased to sponsor this very special event with Katrina Thomas of State Farm Insurance, and our honorary co-chair is U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu. This event is not open to the public.

The mission of the Youth ChalleNGe program is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 16-18 year old high school dropouts, producing program graduates with the values, life skills, education, and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens. The first phase is a five-month residential alternative military-like school that gives participants an opportunity to work on their education and life skills in a structured and disciplined environment. The second stage is a twelve-month, post-residential phase that consists of case managers and community mentors assisting cadets to put into action goals they have realized in the residential phase. Cadets are monitored as they return to their communities to continue their education or begin employment.

2011 Membership Drive

I would like to encourage you to consider becoming a Member of the Cyber Innovation Center. Membership provides organizations with an opportunity to not only demonstrate their support for the CIC but also to participate in valuable marketing and public relations opportunities. Funding generated from the Cyber Innovation Center memberships goes toward supporting the many cyber initiatives that we have and will implement in the future. For example, the CIC has a comprehensive Academic Outreach Program aimed at developing a knowledge-based workforce that can support the growing demands of the companies and organizations that are currently and will be located inside the park. The Cyber Innovation Center has successfully partnered with numerous academic institutions to implement new programs (summer camps, competitions, curricula, internships, etc.) across grades K-12 and colleges/universities. We have several levels of membership that appeal to corporations, small businesses, academic institutions, and public members. Please check our website for further details or feel free to call us with any questions.

Institute of Navigation's Regional Mini-Urban Challenge

We are excited to co-sponsor, once again, this challenging competition for high school students. Eighteen teams from across Louisiana will design and operate a robotic unmanned car built from a LEGO Mindstorms® kit that can accurately maneuver it through a LEGO® city. The competition provides high school students experience in collaboration, problem-solving, team building, and project and time management and acts to inspire and attract students to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. Ours will be the first of six competitions this Winter/Spring 2011 season with others held in Valparaiso, FL; Los Angeles, CA; Washington, DC; Dayton, OH, and Boston, MA. The first and second place winners of each regional competition will receive a travel grant to participate in the National Competition on May 21st at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Please feel free to join us for this exciting event!

Carnegie Foundation Elevates Louisiana Tech to "High Research" Classification

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has elevated Louisiana Tech University to its "Research University – high research activity" (RU/H) category, placing it among an exclusive group of approximately 100 research universities in the United States to earn this classification.

Louisiana Tech joins such distinguished research universities as Auburn University, Mississippi State University, Baylor University, the University of Arkansas, and Clemson University.

"This distinction is a result of the efforts and commitment of our entire university community," said Louisiana Tech University President Dan Reneau. "For a research institution like Louisiana Tech, the significance of this new classification cannot be overstated. It proves that we can effectively compete with some of the nation's top research institutions for research funding and faculty."

"The steady growth of Louisiana Tech's research program over the years has been key to changing our classification," said Dr. Les Guice, Vice President for Research and Development at Louisiana Tech. "President Reneau set us on this path years ago and all of the administration, from vice presidents to deans to department heads, have contributed to the growth of our research program."

Upcoming Events

January 19

Monthly Member Luncheon
Harrah's Louisiana Downs
Sky Room
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Speaker: Craig Spohn

Mr. Spohn will review the CIC's activities in 2010 and will provide a look ahead at the CIC's activities for 2011.

February 16

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Harrah's Louisiana Downs
Sky Room
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Speaker: Brian Vandegrift
VP, Sales and Marketing, Venyu

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ION's Regional Mini-Urban Challenge
Bossier Civic Center

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