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## MIT Lincoln Laboratory Extends Support of CyberPatriot as Cyber Silver Sponsor

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Air Force Association (AFA) is pleased to recognize the ongoing support of MIT Lincoln Laboratory as it has renewed its sponsorship of AFA's CyberPatriot—The National Youth Cyber Education Program.

MIT Lincoln Laboratory is a federally funded research and development center that applies advanced technology to problems of national security. Its research and development activities focus on long-term technology development as well as rapid system prototyping and demonstration.

CyberPatriot is AFA's flagship youth program that educates, excites, and inspires high school students to pursue education and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Established in 2008, 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, exercising cyber hygiene, and introducing many to the idea of cyber security as a profession.

Lincoln Lab first joined the list of prestigious sponsors supporting CyberPatriot in 2011 as a Cyber Silver Sponsor.

"We are elated that they have chosen to renew their support for CyberPatriot and hope to continue to build upon the success of our relationship," said Bernie Skoch, CyberPatriot Commissioner. "Lincoln Lab's dedication to research and technology development complements the overall mission of the CyberPatriot program, to educate today's youth to be tomorrow's leaders in STEM. As the program continues to grow and expand, we depend on the relationships with our sponsors to help further develop the education opportunities we can provide to the students."

CyberPatriot greatly benefits from the support and technical expertise of its presenting sponsor, the Northrop Grumman Foundation. Other sponsors include Cyber Diamond sponsors AT&T Federal and the AT&T Foundation, Cisco, Microsoft, USA Today, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense; Cyber Gold sponsors URS, Splunk, and Symantec; and Cyber Silver sponsors Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Leidos, Riverside Research, and University of Maryland University College.

More information is available at [www.uscyberpatriot.org](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org) or from the CyberPatriot staff at [info@uscyberpatriot.org](mailto:info@uscyberpatriot.org).

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