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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IS EVOLVING
SUMMIT CALLS FOR LOCAL EVOLUTION IN HIRING**

Over a half-a-million, unfilled tech jobs exist across the nation

(CLEVELAND, OH) — With nearly 2,000 N. E. Ohio IT positions unfilled and hundreds of students, veterans and career-changers eager to fill them, prominent local career advisors and visionary corporate leaders are convening all-day on Monday, October 30th at the I-X Center to accelerate career paths for motivated candidates in non-traditional ways.

“New Collar” Jobs--IBM CEO Ginni Rometty coined this phrase in January of this year to describe jobs that don't require a traditional 4-year degree but do require a good amount of practical skill. Historically, Americans have defined job types as falling into one of two camps: white collar and blue collar.

Many IT positions don't require a traditional college degree. N.E. Ohio companies large and small – from IBM to entrepreneurial incubators like Jumpstart are fueling Cleveland's IT sector through “New Collar” jobs --higher paying positions in IT leadership that require a high school education and shorter term targeted technical certification and possible apprenticeship training.

“Forsaken apprenticeships and two-year certification are gaining traction with motivated high school graduates as they look for ways to expedite their IT career interests,” explained John Cotofan, Professional Recruiter-Network TEKsystems Infrastructure Division. “Information Security Summit has brought best-in-class IT providers and educators to the area for the past fifteen years, now we are expanding our collaboration to include future practitioners within our network.”

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15th Information Security Summit and Security Summit Week (10/30-11/3/17) are on the pulse of the industry and builds the largest regional collaboration between N.E. Ohio employers, jobseekers, veterans, students and educational institutions to provide quality, cost-effective training, conferences, career connections, and networking to IT professionals.

This full day at the I-X Center is no charge for students and veterans who pre-register at www.informationsecuritysummit.org/events/ssw-2017-events-registration/ and bring their I.D. The day includes meals, breaks and will conclude with a Xceptional Networking Reception, where candidates, recruiters, and cybersecurity and IT professionals in attendance will be able to socialize and share information with industry influencers, key civic leaders, and hiring visionaries.

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Security Summit Week

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