



## CEA GROUP EXPANDS ACTIVITIES IN CYBERSECURITY

**November, 2017** - CEA Group (CEA) Founder and Chairman, Rick Michaels, announced plans for increasing the firm's investment banking activities in the field of Cybersecurity.



Rick is the Co-Founder of the National Cyber Partnership (NCP) ([www.national-cyber.org](http://www.national-cyber.org)), a Non-Profit organization focusing on entry-level cyber training for veterans.

Rick Michaels is also the Founder of the National Cyber Institute (NCI), which is a Florida Non-Profit focused on major applied research projects involving university consortiums. NCI's first project involves a study of cyber control systems in substations for the U.S. utility industry. The purpose of the study is to determine vulnerabilities in the control systems of power plants around the country. The most notable breach in this industry occurred in the Ukraine in 2016. NCI organized a consortium of five universities to conduct the research and make recommendations for added security measure. The universities include The University of Virginia, George Mason University, University of Central Florida, University of Nebraska – Omaha, and University of South Florida. Michaels developed his interest in the field of cybersecurity while serving as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Visitors for the U.S. Naval Academy.

CEA was the strategic advisor to Regent University on the formation of the [Regent University Institute for Cybersecurity and Cyber Range](#) based in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The Regent University facility is one of the most advanced university sponsored cyber ranges in the United States. The Range was designed by [Cyberbit](#), who provides high-level cyber training simulation programs to industry and governmental entities on a global basis.

CEA's cyber activities also involve arranging expansion capital; mergers and acquisitions; and joint ventures for cyber and intelligence companies.

### ABOUT CEA GROUP

Founded in 1973, CEA is a leading provider of investment banking services and private equity to the global communications, media, entertainment, and information technology industries. With a team of highly experienced personnel worldwide, CEA has an unequaled depth and breadth of industry knowledge, expertise and long-standing industry relationships. CEA has completed over 900 transactions totaling \$45 billion in 60 countries. CEA and its affiliates also managed, co-managed or participated in a worldwide family of private equity funds with committed capital of approximately \$1.15 billion for private equity investments in the industries CEA serves. CEA's reputation and track record of success are built on delivering innovative, value-added solutions and services to clients worldwide. CEA Atlantic Advisors, LLC is a FINRA Registered Broker-Dealer and a member of SIPC.

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