

2nd Transforming Cybersecurity Workshop:

Pittsburgh Researchers & Practitioners Convene to Tackle Critical Infrastructure Protection

August 11, 2026

University Club, Conference Room A (third floor)

123 University Place, Pittsburgh, 15213. Nearest parking - Soldiers & Sailors Parking Garage

Goal: The workshop brings together practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and operators to move from diagnosing cybersecurity challenges to developing workable solutions. Sessions focus on the technology-policy intersection in critical infrastructure protection, with structured problem-solving across sectors.

Time	Duration	Session
8:30 AM	30 min	Gathering with Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM	15 min	Welcome & Overview: Dan Cole, Cyber Energy Center Erica Owen, Cyber Energy Center
9:15 AM	60 min	Keynote: Chad Heitzenrater (RAND) — AI Tools and Cybersecurity Policy Analysis
10:15 AM	30 min	Break
10:45 AM	60 min	Keynote: Ginger Wright (INL) — Cyberinformed Engineering in Practice
11:45 AM	60 min	Lunch
12:45 PM	75 min	Panel: PEST Diagnosis — Water & Cybersecurity
2:00 PM	15 min	Break
2:15 PM	30 min	Solution Development — Organizers present a minimum viable product addressing the diagnosed problem
2:45 PM	15 min	Break + Breakout Group Assignments
3:00 PM	60 min	Breakout Working Sessions (Group A: Desirability · Group B: Feasibility · Group C: Viability)
4:00 PM	15 min	Moderator-Led Synthesis — Groups report out; moderator draws cross-cutting themes
4:15 PM	30 min	Closing Plenary: Open discussion & next steps
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