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## Purpose and Mission of ArcticShield, Linking a Greater Cybersecurity Community

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**ABSTRACT:** As cyber threats continue to evolve, Alaska faces unique challenges in securing its digital infrastructure. **ArcticShield.org**, a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening cybersecurity in the state, is actively working to address these vulnerabilities through education, workforce development, and business support.

This **presentation** will provide an in-depth look at **Alaska's cybersecurity landscape** and ArcticShield's mission to build a resilient and skilled cybersecurity ecosystem. Attendees will learn about **community engagement initiatives** that empower individuals and organizations.

**BIO:** Andre Andrews is a cybersecurity specialist and a founder of ArcticShield.org, a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening Alaska's cybersecurity resilience. With over a decade of experience in IT security and workforce development, Andre has trained professionals and worked closely with businesses to implement stronger cybersecurity measures. Under his leadership, ArcticShield has launched training programs, partnered with businesses to improve security infrastructure, and hosted statewide awareness events. Outside of work, Andre enjoys building the software development community and mentoring young tech enthusiasts. Connect with him at [www.Arcticshield.org](http://www.Arcticshield.org)!

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