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Today's NMCI Projects Enhance Navy's IT Capabilities for Tomorrow

There's no time like the present to deliver on the future.

As the Department of the Navy prepares for their next phase of Naval networking through the NGEN contract, the enhancements we are making to NMCI today deliver much of what the Navy is looking to achieve in the coming years. We are delivering the added interoperability, mobility, performance and security our clients' missions require, as well as the flexibility and functionality that is NMCI.

Delivering NGEN requirements "Now" is the next level of our demonstrated commitment to the needs of our Sailors and Marines and all those who support them.

Myron Bartko is this week's featured team member who helps contribute to NMCI's success. Myron has been working to ensure network security while bringing NMCI into compliance with a Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations (JTF-GNO) Communications Task Order (CTO). His latest project, the System Administrator Alternate Token (SysALT), decreases the risk of unauthorized remote access to sensitive information.

Thank you, Myron, for the hard work and dedication you and your team bring to NMCI.

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Myron Bartko **IS NGEN NOW**

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A six year veteran of EDS, Myron Bartko is no stranger to providing engineering solutions to his clients. In his role as project manager on the System Administrator Alternate Token (SysALT) program, Bartko oversees a team that ensures system administrators are able to securely access NMCI.

Leveraging the already existing PKI infrastructure, Bartko and his team are deploying smart cards to allow NMCI system administrators to securely access the enterprise. SysALT enhances security by reducing breaches associated with username/password authentication and enables redundancy in the authentication process for administrator accounts. SysALT is already being deployed - 80% of NMCI system administrators are now using their alternate tokens.

NMCI end users also benefit from SysALT. The program more closely monitors privileged users' accounts on the network, thus decreasing the risk associated with unauthorized users' ability to gain remote access to sensitive information.

While Bartko is quick to point out the enormity of the project he and his team have been tasked with, it's clear that he thrives on the challenge, taking real pride in the work and his team.

"The amount of work that's required to accomplish our objectives is incredible, 13 hour days are commonplace," admitted Bartko. "We go above and beyond - we're the type of individuals that really think of outside of the box in order to complete our objectives for our customers. We consider ourselves to be the A team of project managers."

In the course of developing security enhancements for NMCI system administrators, Bartko must think creatively to conquer hardware, among other, limitations. He and his team must answer questions such as, "how will we move forward on hardware deployment, and how can we allocate additional resources for needed hardware?" As a result the team develops solutions that continue to serve the SysALT program and NMCI administrators, by taking steps to appropriately identify any hardware that will be needed in the future.

"It's an adventure - that's why I love this job. It's something new every day," said Bartko.

Bartko and his family live in Norfolk, Va. and in his - rare - spare time, Bartko enjoys golfing.
