

# Mass. High Tech Council Update

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## Technology, Political and Defense Leaders Gather at MHTC's 2012 Annual Meeting

On May 16, the Massachusetts High Technology Council's 2012 Annual Meeting brought together some of the leading figures in the region's diverse technology cluster.



Major General L. Scott Rice, DHS Deputy Under Secretary Mark Weatherford, MA Lt. Governor Tim Murray, Council President Chris Anderson

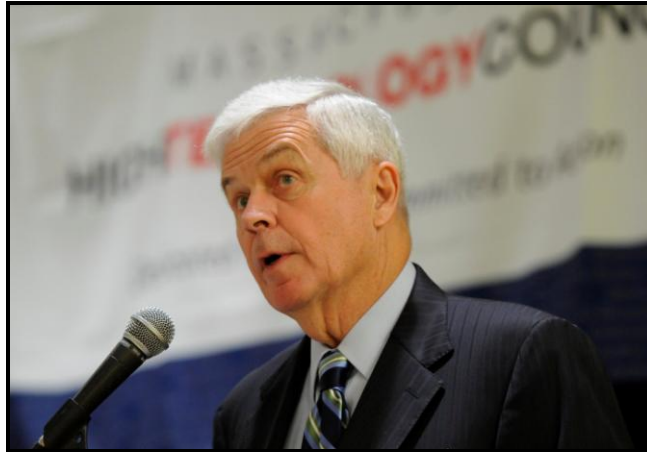
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## Regan Reelected as Chairman

Dynamics Research Chairman, President and CEO James P. Regan was reelected for his third year at the helm of the Council's Board of Directors. In his remarks before the members, Regan recognized the Council's impact on public policy for the past 35 years and outlined some of the Council's recent accomplishments, including preventing a \$500 million Unemployment Insurance tax increase and working to connect the state's fractured community college system.

Regan joked that he had been practicing his "retirement speech" as director Jeff Ray, Dassault

Systemes, was slotted to succeed Regan as Council Chairman this year. However, Ray will be embarking for California to become the new CEO at Ventyx.



Council Chairman Jim Regan

Rounding out the officers' slate are new Vice Chairman, Fred Strader, President and CEO of Textron Systems; Treasurer, Jim Boyer, Partner at KPMG; and Secretary, Paul Gauron, Partner at Goodwin Procter. The Council would like to thank all of the officers for their continued leadership of the Council and Jeff Ray for his service over the past two years.

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## **Lt. Governor Murray Taps DTI for Lead Role**

The Annual Meeting also featured remarks from Lt. Governor Timothy Murray, who has been working closely with the Council and Defense Technology Initiative (DTI) through his leadership of the Commonwealth's Military Asset and Security Strategy Task Force. Touting DTI's proven history of success and innovation, Lt. Governor Murray announced he has tapped the regional defense organization as the lead private sector partner in the Commonwealth's efforts to preserve its military assets and grow the region's defense and homeland security economy. DTI will join MassDevelopment as the lead organizations on the Business, Industry and Military Alignment subcommittee of the military task force. Go to [www.defensetech.net](http://www.defensetech.net) to read more.

"To build on DTI's seven-year record of accomplishment and its demonstrated capacity to coordinate important private sector, research, and educational resources with a variety of federal and state government agencies, the Task Force is designating DTI and MassDevelopment to work as a team to lead the Commonwealth's strategic interests in support of the Natick Soldier Systems Center and Hanscom and its Electronic Systems Center," said Lt. Governor Murray. "We also recognize the value of DTI's efforts to coordinate engagement of assets across New England in support of not only Natick and Hanscom, but also in support of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in RI, the Groton Submarine Base in CT, and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in NH."

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## **Major General Rice, DHS Deputy Under Secretary Weatherford Address Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting agenda also featured remarks from Major General L. Scott Rice, Adjutant General (Acting), Massachusetts National Guard, and Mark Weatherford, Deputy Under Secretary for Cybersecurity for the National Protection and Programs Directorate at the US Department of Homeland Security.

Major General Rice, who was appointed to his post by Governor Patrick in April, regaled the crowd with stories of his time as an Air Force fighter pilot and called for increased collaboration between the National Guard and the region's defense technology community.

Weatherford, whose remarks were closed to the media due to the sensitive subject matter, provided Council members with a frank assessment of the cybersecurity challenges and opportunities facing the nation. Later in the day, he joined DTI and other partners at a meeting of the Council-supported Advanced Cyber Security Center, which is housed at the MITRE Corporation in Bedford, MA.

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## **MHTC, ConnectEDU Launch Global Talent Network**

The Council has partnered with Boston-based education technology leader ConnectEDU to create the Global Talent Network, an online STEM talent development and recruitment system that will provide Council members with access to more than 20 million students and 4000 educational institutions worldwide. The Council is working with a team of employers to help design and build the Global Talent Network (previously TalentConnect™) to help fill the region's STEM talent pipeline on an ongoing basis. Visit [www.mhtc.org](http://www.mhtc.org) for more information.

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## **Benway Joins DTI Team**

In April, Defense Technology Initiative (DTI) named veteran defense technology executive Charlie Benway as Executive Vice President. During his 25-year career Benway has overseen operations and business development for leading defense technology employers, most recently as COO of Oasis Systems, Inc. in Lexington.

"Charlie is very well respected within the New England defense sector and we are very pleased to welcome him to the DTI team," said DTI President Christopher Anderson. "His decades of experience working with military installations, government agencies and technology executives will help him foster new innovative partnerships between the New England defense technology community and the region's military installations."

Benway will work with DTI's leadership team and will provide strategy guidance and operational support for its programs and initiatives. Specifically, Benway will work with DTI membership and the region's military installations to support streamlining the procurement process and speeding the delivery of new innovations to the field, particularly in core areas including cyber security and robotics.

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## **Innovation Access Network (IAN)**

The Innovation Access Network (IAN) is an open innovation portal that leverages social networking capabilities to create a centralized brokerage network of innovation where stakeholders in the technology pipeline can promote, search, connect and thrive. The goal of IAN is to accelerate technology development and successful commercialization around the globe, to create jobs and enhance economic development. The network aids those searching for technology solutions, those interested in new ideas, and those looking for new customers or partners.

IAN recently celebrated its one year anniversary and over the last year has created 89 new connections between those actively "seeking" technology (large corporate entities and government agencies) and smaller companies or inventors with new innovative technologies or capabilities. These new business connections have been focused primarily around the defense industry, but we have also seen an increase in new submissions from industries such as transportation safety, renewable/green energy, bio/life sciences, and nanotech. Recently IAN's growth has led us into new markets outside the US, including the UK, France, Scotland, and Israel. The result of new partnerships domestically and abroad have led to daily activity in the network both in number of new technology requests and new innovations posted.

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