

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0904

April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$750,000 for the University of North Florida's Virtual Cloud Computing and Cybersecurity Infrastructure Initiative in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of North Florida located at 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224.

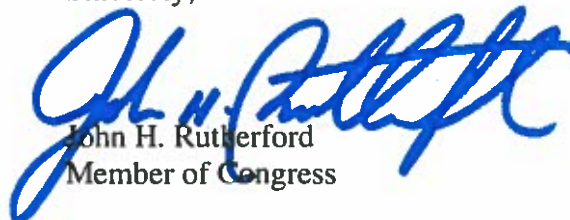
This project will create a secure computing environment for all UNF students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders. The new virtual infrastructure will allow cybersecurity instruction, research, and operations in a controlled and scalable environment. The environment will seamlessly allow remote access to software restricted to running on university-owned hardware. Additionally, this environment and service will offload the need for students to continually upgrade their computers to handle demanding assignments and projects.

As noted above, the funds will allow an expansion of UNF's technology delivery, cybersecurity research and teaching capacity. This will allow an expansion of the undergraduate and graduate programs across all programs. This will in turn increase the supply of skilled graduates in Florida, which will further enhance the region's workforce and its ability to attract new firms to the region.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this project that is of significant importance to my district.

Sincerely,



John H. Rutherford
Member of Congress