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### **Griffiss Institute and Binghamton University Partner to Expand Access to Education and Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Upstate New York**

ROME, NY (May 24, 2023) – Griffiss Institute, Inc. and Binghamton University, State University of New York have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop and implement collaborative talent and technology development programs. The partnership aims to leverage interorganizational synergies among Upstate New York academic, industrial, and defense communities to expand access to high-quality educational, training, research, and entrepreneurial opportunities in our communities.

The agreement will enable collaboration between the two parties to benefit technical, professional, and disciplinary education and scholarship for Binghamton University faculty, staff, students, and alumni. The partnership will also connect them with experiential learning and venture development opportunities among Griffiss's partners in government and industry, including service as visiting faculty, student interns, and entrepreneurs-in-residence.

One of the goals of the partnership is to explore new and innovative techniques and pedagogical approaches to technical, professional, and legal education, research, and the acquisition of entrepreneurial skills. The collaboration will enable businesses to grow strong and healthy in Upstate New York with an ample supply of skilled talent.

"I am happy to welcome Binghamton University to the Innovare Alliance," said Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente. "Their expertise and resources will be invaluable in advancing our region's research and development efforts. This partnership will undoubtedly lead to new innovations, job opportunities, and economic growth for Oneida County and beyond."

"The Innovare Advancement Center was envisioned as an open collaborative campus to bring together academia and AFRL professionals to help grow the entrepreneurial opportunities at the Griffiss Business and Technology Park. This partnership with Binghamton University continues to build out that academic footprint, opening not only research and learning opportunities but strengthening our ability to nurture and grow the entrepreneurs of the future. The Griffiss Business and Technology Park is a hive of groundbreaking research and development in support of our nation's national security, and the resources of Binghamton University will further enhance those initiatives," said Rome Mayor Jacqueline M. Izzo.

"We are excited to partner with Binghamton University to expand access to education and entrepreneurial opportunities in Upstate New York," said Heather Hage, President & CEO of Griffiss Institute. "This partnership will enable us to leverage our strengths and expertise to develop and implement innovative talent and technology development programs that will benefit our communities and enable businesses to grow and thrive."

"Binghamton University is thrilled to become a member of the Innovare Alliance," said, President Harvey Stenger of Binghamton University. "This partnership further expands our research and innovation capabilities in key areas of national priority and strengthens our commitment to increasing access to high-quality education and training programs for our communities and driving economic growth in our region."

"The collaboration with Griffiss Institute will provide our faculty, staff, and students with new and innovative research and learning opportunities," said Dean Krishnaswami Srihari of Binghamton University. "Together, we can explore new pedagogical approaches to education and entrepreneurship and connect our students and faculty with more industry partners and experts in cutting-edge areas."

Dr. Michael Hayduk, Deputy Director of the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate, commonly known as, "Rome Lab", said, "We welcome Binghamton University to the Innovare alliance. Their expertise in areas such as artificial intelligence, data science, cybersecurity and materials science will be invaluable in advancing our mission of accelerating the development and deployment of emerging technologies." The partnership with Binghamton University will enable Innovare to expand its capabilities and better serve the needs of the defense and commercial markets.

The Innovare Alliance is a consortium of eight entities, including Griffiss Institute, AFRL/RI, Oneida County, the City of Rome, NYSTEC, State University of New York, Central New York Defense Alliance, and the Rochester Institute of Technology, that is focused on accelerating the development and deployment of emerging technologies for national defense and commercial markets. The alliance brings together expertise from academia, industry, and government to facilitate collaboration, innovation, and technology transfer. Through the Innovare partnership,

allies share resources, expertise, and knowledge to advance research and development in areas such as artificial intelligence, data science, cybersecurity, and more. The goal of the Innovare alliance is to drive economic growth, strengthen national security, and improve the quality of life for people around the world through the development and deployment of emerging technologies.

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**About the Innovare Advancement Center:**

*The Innovare Advancement Center is a world-class research and collaboration destination with resources rivaling top-tier laboratories. The Center is the focal point of a growing Innovare family that enables discoveries in artificial intelligence, machine learning, cybersecurity, quantum, and unmanned aerial systems – interconnected physically and to a vast network of knowledge and expertise. Home to 40,000 square feet of high-tech and high-speed communications-enabled working spaces, the Innovare Advancement Center also boasts an auditorium with a capacity for over 150 people and an access point to the NY UAS Test Site – a 50-mile drone corridor for advanced unmanned aircraft operations. Learn more at [innovare.org](http://innovare.org).*