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“DARPA’s series of vehicle Grand Challenges were the dawn of the self-driving car revolution,” said Mike Walker, DARPA program manager. “With the Cyber Grand Challenge, we intend a similar revolution for information security.”

Competitors can choose one of two routes: 1) an unfunded track in which anyone capable of fielding a capable system can participate, 2) and a funded track in which DARPA awards contracts to organizations presenting the most compelling proposals.

As of today, 35 teams from around the world have registered with DARPA to construct and program high-performance computers capable of competing in the Cyber Grand Challenge. Most competitors have entered on the “open track” available to self-funded teams. A parallel “proposal track” consists of teams invited and partially supported by DARPA to develop automated network defense technology. Those teams represent a mix of participants from industry and academia and will receive seed funding from DARPA until their performance is tested in open competition involving all teams at a major qualification event scheduled for June 2015. Additional teams may register to participate through November 2, 2014.

The final portion of the competition will be held in conjunction with DEF CON.

More “DARPA CGC” info at: http://www.cybergrandchallenge.com

Funding support requests for Michigan teams can be found at:

www.MichiganDARPA.org

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