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**A Message from Celia Desmond, IEEE WCET® Program Director and Steering Committee Chair**



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Celia Desmond

# Industry News

## **U.S. Wireless Jobs Down 2,000 from Last Year**

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that there were 166,600 wireless industry employees in May 2011, down 2,000 from a year before. The total telecom sector added 1,100 positions in April and May of this year. [[RCR Wireless](#)]

## **Non-U.S. Companies Tap Silicon Valley for Innovation**

Companies like Ericsson and Huawei are increasingly turning to California's Silicon Valley to find innovative employees. [[Wall Street Journal](#)]

## **2011 Wireless Hall of Fame Inductees Announced**

Nick Kauser, Robert Marino, Clayton Niles and the late Arnold Pohs will be inducted into the Wireless Hall of Fame on October 10, the Wireless History Foundation announced. [[Seattle Times](#)]  
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## **4G and Super Wi-Fi Conferences Announce Joint Keynotes**

This September's 4G Wireless Evolution and Super Wi-Fi Summit conferences will have two joint keynote speakers, including AT&T's Cameron Coursey, speaking about "Managing the Device, Network and Applications (DNA)." [[TMCnet](#)]

## **Ireland Needs Workers**

A new digital media program called WebElevate has launched in Ireland to find workers to create mobile applications and other digital careers. [[SiliconRepublic](#)]

## **Industry Groups to Address Wi-Fi Roaming Standards**

The Wi-Fi Alliance and the Wireless Broadband Alliance have agreed to work together to establish new standards for Wi-Fi roaming. [[The Register](#)]

## **iBwave Launches Level 2 Certification Online**

Propagation, modeling, antenna characteristics and data collection are among the topics included in iBwave's new Level 2 Online certification program. [[PRWEB](#)]

## **U.S. Government and Military Need Cybersecurity Professionals**

Private industry is outcompeting government agencies for the top talent needed to secure networks, including wireless infrastructures. [National Defense: [1](#), [2](#)]

## **Global Mobile Industry to Earn \$1.3 Trillion in 2011**

Revenue for the global mobile industry will approach \$1.3 trillion in 2011, according to analyst Chetan Sharma. China has the highest number of subscribers, while the U.S. is still tops in total revenue and data revenue. [[RCR Wireless Americas](#)]

## **India's Reliance Communications on Executive "Hiring Spree"**

Troubled telecom Reliance Communications has hired three new executives to support its wireless business in India, with more possibly to come. Reliance has expressed that hiring outside talent is vital to its growth. [[LiveMint](#)]

### **Verizon Wireless Launches 100th LTE Network**

It took Verizon Wireless just eight months to roll out 4G LTE networks in 100 U.S. markets. The 100th market is Tulsa, Oklahoma. [[CNET](#)]

### **Australia's NBN Needs Training Providers**

The company planning Australia's nationwide broadband rollout will soon start training employees (everyone from laborers to engineers) for the system that will provide fiber optic or wireless broadband to 100 percent of the country in the next 10 years. [[ARN](#)]

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD**

### **[2011 International Conference on Advanced Technologies for Communications](#)**

Da Nang City, Vietnam

2-4 August 2011

### **[IEEE International Conference on Peer-to-Peer Computing](#)**

Kyoto, Japan

31 August - 2 September 2011

### **[4G World](#)**

McCormick Place, Chicago, IL - USA

24-27 October 2011

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