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As the Associate Program Director for Cyber Florida, Ernie Ferraresso oversees the Center's partnership program, working with industry, academia and the private sector to collaborate on projects of mutual interest. Additionally, he works closely with Government and Law Enforcement to coordinate Cyber Florida's efforts to support cyber programs. He also engages across multiple sectors to expand Florida's cybersecurity education in Florida's public-school system.

Prior to Cyber Florida, Ernie worked for a small technology design and integration firm as the Director of Operations, overseeing the design and implementation of cybersecurity and emergency operations center technology solutions in the U.S. and throughout Latin America. He is a retired U.S. Marine Intelligence Officer who served in the U.S. and abroad. His work included assignments with U.S. Special Operations Forces, the intelligence community, the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, and U.S. Cyber Command.