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# George Mason University Center and UiPath Partner to Form Robotic Process Automation Initiative

*Initiative to research, educate, and communicate how the adoption of RPA can improve productivity, operations, and service delivery of public sector organizations*

ARLINGTON, Va. & NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The Center for Business Civic Engagement (CBCE) at George Mason University (Mason) announced today the establishment of the Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Initiative in partnership with leading enterprise [RPA](#) software company UiPath to determine the impact of RPA on government effectiveness and efficiency.

The mission of the [RPA Initiative](#) is to research, educate, and communicate how the adoption of this emerging technology can improve productivity, operations, and service delivery of public sector organizations. The RPA Initiative will also study and recommend possible governance models and public policy initiatives for RPA deployment in the context of the broader economic outlook and the future of work.

"We are excited to partner with UiPath, a leader and innovator, and look forward to helping determine how RPA usage can improve the working of public sector organizations and succeed in meeting the ever-growing demand for services among stakeholders," said Dr. David K. Rehr, Director of the Center and a faculty member at the Schar School of Policy and Government at Mason. "The RPA industry has risen to the occasion to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic through civic engagement. This is a critical endeavor and timely moment in our history."

"Mason has a history of innovation, technology, and studying public policy. We believe the partnership is a great fit and will benefit citizens seeking greater value in public sector programs and initiatives," said Bobby Patrick, UiPath CMO.

"Our Center at Mason focuses on researching ways to make government more effective and efficient. We have seen recent examples of RPA deployments throughout federal, local, and state governments helping to confront the COVID pandemic while protecting the safety of our citizens," continued Rehr.

These mission-enabling technologies offer great help in making government programs more impactful and release government employees from tedious, mundane work, allowing them to be more imaginative and creative in this new normal.

The RPA Initiative in the weeks and months ahead looks to:

- Promote public understanding and education of the RPA industry.

- Engage in case study research of applications and results.
- Survey the general awareness of RPA.
- Educate, from an academic perspective, policy makers to assist them in understanding and evaluating benefits of RPA.
- Engage in webinars on assorted subjects to discuss industry initiatives.
- Provide an academic stage for discussion of public policy issues relating to RPA uses across different levels of government.

### **About the Center for Business Civic Engagement at George Mason University (GMU)**

The mission of the [Center for Business Civic Engagement](#) is to study the impact of the application of business theory and principles to government to determine if government can be both more effective and efficient for its stakeholders.

### **About UiPath**

UiPath has a vision to deliver the Fully Automated Enterprise™, one where companies use automation to unlock their greatest potential. UiPath offers an end-to-end platform for automation, combining the leading [Robotic Process Automation](#) (RPA) solution with a full suite of capabilities that enable every organization to rapidly scale digital business operations.

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