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the open web receive customer reviews. Their customers, which is often posted in vendor's threads, much as licit goods and services on the open web.

mechanics and character. One useful resource in their work is feedback about vendors from their customers.

conduct cutting edge research into dark web marketplaces to reveal their size, scope, and diversity. Much of this work is done using anonymous cryptocurrencies as payment.

search engines like Google, and the appeal of using relatively new and growing online platforms. This rise has been driven by a number of factors, including the trade in illicit narcotics, identity documents, and firearms, stolen data and cybercrime services.

Shining a Light on the Dark Web

The DHS Centers of Excellence have, for instance, been working closely with the DHS Office of University Programs, multiple DHS components, and academic institutions, and industry partners, all of whom are professionals who give generously of their time and expertise in pursuit of a safer world for all.

As many of you know, the DHS Centers of Excellence have staggered life cycles dating back to 2002, and the CINA Center is one of the oldest. Over the years, we have realized that everything has not always proceeded as we planned; yet we are more excited about our accomplishments of the past, and our high hopes for the future, than we are about our failures. We are proud of the progress we have made, and we are very pleased to continue working with excellent partners and community members to expand our work, and our impact on society.

Thank you to all who supported and attended the DHS Centers of Excellence Summit this year. We also appreciate the opportunity to meet with our fellow COE's to support our collective mission.