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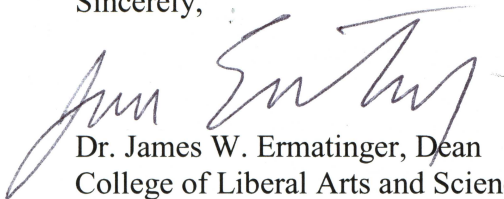
National Security Agency
Attn: NSA/DHS CAE Program Manager
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To Whom it May Concern:

Please, accept this letter of intent to submit an application for designation of the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) as a NSA/DHS National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance/Cyber Defense (CAE IA/CD) in Education Four-year. The University of Illinois at Springfield is a campus of the University of Illinois System under the governance of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois System. UIS is a Master's university that enrolls about 5000 students and offers 23 bachelor's degree programs, 25 minor programs, 20 master's degree programs, and one doctoral degree. UIS is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA-HLC).

UIS was designated as a national Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAEIAE) in 2009.

Sincerely,



Dr. James W. Ermatinger, Dean
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