

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE



February 24, 2015

Re: Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

I am providing this letter of recommendation for AHS Engineering Services in support of their SBIR proposal (F151-029-1629□) entitled CHAMELEON: A Network Address Randomization Framework. I have discussed the proposed effort with Dr. Greg Heileman, who will serve as chief scientist on the project. Dr. Heileman is also a professor in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering at the University of New Mexico. Dr. Heileman has described to me how this effort will involve deep collaboration with the Innovation Academy that is being established at the University of New Mexico, and is a part of the larger Innovate ABQ initiative in the City of Albuquerque.

Innovate ABQ is being developed as a premier downtown innovation district in Albuquerque, and will serve as a place for researchers, inventors and entrepreneurs to interact. This initiative involves collaboration between the University of New Mexico, the Science and Technology Corporation (a non-profit organization that works with the University of New Mexico, Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory to commercialize technology), local government and the business community.

In my view, the cybersecurity research described in this proposal will be of tremendous interest to a number of the entities associated with Innovate ABQ, and therefore provides a natural fit in terms of the types of activities and enterprises we are fostering through Innovate ABQ. Specifically, the commercial potential associated with technologies that enhance the security of communication networks is enormous given the ever-increasing volume and sophistication of the cyber attacks we face. Furthermore, with close proximity to two national laboratories and the Air Force Research Laboratory at Kirtland Air Force base, the local interest in security-related technologies is significant.

Thus, I wholeheartedly support the proposed research given the importance success in this endeavor will have at both the local and national levels, and I look forward to fostering collaborations through Innovate ABQ that will stimulate innovation and drive commercialization of the technologies this research will produce.

Best regards,

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