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University of Illinois - Springfield

Dear Dr. Mims:

We have been informed that the Computer Science Department at UIS is applying to become a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAEIAE) sponsored by the National Security Agency. We are in support of this application because of the successful partnership established between Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) and UIS.

Our Business and Technologies department has an articulation agreement with the UIS Computer Science Department. This allows students to complete a 2 + 2 degree in Networking with an emphasis in Systems Security and Information Assurance. Several of the CISCO and Windows Server courses offered by LLCC meet the Security and Information Assurance course requirements accepted by UIS. As of May, 2009 five students will have obtained this degree.

Our students and members of our department appreciate the benefit of this partnership and the return it has provided to our community. It is for this reason we recommend that UIS be recognized as a Center of Academic Excellence.

Sincerely,

Professor Carmen R. Allen
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