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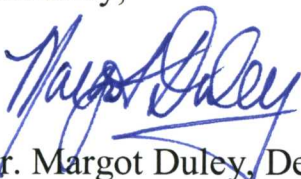
Dear Ms. Nickell,

Please, accept this letter of intent to submit an application for designation of the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) as a national Center of Academic Excellence Information Assurance Education (CAEIAE). 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 4,500 students and offers about 20 bachelor's degree programs, 25 minor programs, 18 Master's degree programs, and one Doctoral Degree. UIS is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA-HLC).

The U.S. News and World Report's 2009 Edition of America's Best Colleges ranks the University of Illinois at Springfield as the best public university - Master's category - in the state of Illinois and the fourth best public university in that category in the Midwest.

UIS is certified under the Information Assurance Courseware Evaluation Program for successfully mapping to CNSS Training Standard 4011 and the System Administrators (SA), CNSSI No. 4013E.

Sincerely,



Dr. Margot Duley, Dean
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