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Dr. Dawson:

I am pleased to inform you that the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have designated the University of Missouri – St. Louis as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE) through academic year 2021.

Your ability to meet the increasing demands of the program criteria will serve the nation well in contributing to the protection of the National Information Infrastructure. The Presidents' National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace, 14 February 2003 and the International Strategy for Cyberspace, May 2011, addresses the critical shortage of professionals with these skills and highlights the importance of higher education as a solution to defending America's cyberspace. "Like all nations, the United States has a compelling interest in defending its vital national assets, as well as our core principles and values, and we are committed to defending against those who would attempt to impede our ability to do so." Education is the key to promoting these ideals.

Certificates will be presented during an evening reception at the National Cyber Security Summit in Huntsville, Alabama on June 8, 2016. Details on the Summit, to include a CAE Community Meeting on June 7th, are attached. For those unable to attend the Summit, certificates will also be presented at the November 1-2, 2016 NICE Conference & Expo in Kansas City Missouri. Information on the Expo can be found at: <https://www.fbcinc.com/e/nice/default.aspx> . We appreciate your participation in this program and look forward to seeing you in June.

Sincerely,

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