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**Ms. Christine Nickell, 1924
National Security Agency
9800 Savage Road, SAB , Suite 6722
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Dear Ms. Nickell:

This letter declares Jacksonville State University's (JSU) intent to apply for designation as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education through the CAE/IAE program of the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Dr. Guillermo A. Francia, III, Professor of Computer Science, is the primary Point of Contact (POC) for JSU.

In mid-October, JSU's courseware submission was certified by the NSA's Information Assurance Courseware Evaluation (IACE) Program to meet the CNSS 4011 and 4013E standards. JSU is committed to the goal of reducing vulnerabilities in our national information technology infrastructure by promoting excellence in higher education in information assurance. This undertaking will serve as an instrument to that purpose.

JSU is accredited by the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The Computer Science (CS) and the Computer Information Systems (CIS) undergraduate programs are both accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Copies of evidence of both accreditations are attached with this letter.

Thank you for your assistance in Jacksonville State University's application process.

Sincerely,

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Dr. J Earl Wade, Dean

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