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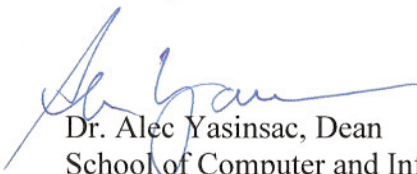
National Security Agency
Attn: CAE Program Office
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Dear CAE Program Manager:

This letter provides administrative endorsement of the University of South Alabama School of Computer and Information Sciences' (SCIS) effort to apply for the National Center of Academic Excellence for Information Assurance Education (CAE/IAE). SCIS has made significant progress in the information security arena and we appreciate your guidance and assistance in preparing for the application process. The University is committed to information assurance and the growing field of cyber security and to achieving the CAE/IAE designation sponsored by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.

As an institution accredited by SACS since 1968, and the SCIS accredited by ABET since 1988, we are committed to the long-term success of information assurance. We feel our faculty and administration were impressive in the mapping process, and we are confident that we will be certified to 4011 and 4013. Mr. Michael Black from the Information Technology Program will be coordinating the CAE/IAE application. He is doing so with the approval and support of Dr. Bob Sweeney, Coordinator of our Information Technology Program in the School of CIS. SCIS has encouraged its staff to move forward with this project, and has my full support.

Sincerely,



Dr. Alec Yasinsac, Dean
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