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Dr. Taylor Eighmy, President
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Subject: National Security Collaboration Center

Dear Dr. Eighmy:

As the Special Agent-in-Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) San Antonio Division, I write this letter in support of the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) in their effort to launch a National Security Collaboration Center (NSCC) to support our nation’s intelligence and defense communities with cyber-related programming, technology capabilities, and collaborative space. This platform will serve as a powerful conduit for coordination between government agencies and industry partners who seek to solve many of the same cyber threats and challenges. The San Antonio Division of the FBI views this facility and associated collaboration with its government partners as an environment that will lead to solutions to the nation’s greatest cyber threats.

We commend UTSA for their willingness to build a collaborative facility consisting of a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) and an Innovation Factory where the public and private sector can work with academia to develop products for applications in the national security and global defense environments. Since the nation’s second largest footprint in federal and private-sector cyber capabilities is located in San Antonio, the NSCC could serve as a hub to facilitate programs that support and promote cyber-security growth, workforce development, and innovation in the southern region.

We support UTSA’s efforts and express our willingness to collaborate in the NSCC environment once it is established. The San Antonio Division of the FBI will continue to collaborate and partner with UTSA in the area of cyber-security. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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