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

Dear Dr. Eighmy,

On behalf of The MITRE Corporation in San Antonio, I fully and enthusiastically support 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 agencies and industry partners who aim to solve many of the same threats and challenges. The UTSA Office for Research has engaged The MITRE Corporation, in its Federally Funded Research Development Center (FFRDC) role, as a potential partner in the NSCC. After full consideration and discussions within our leadership team, I write this letter to express our intent to negotiate terms and conditions of our partnership within the NSCC ecosystem.

The benefits to our engagement include access to the Army Research Laboratory (ARL), National Security Agency (NSA) Texas, and other federal partners of UTSA. Understanding that the NSCC will require the construction of a new building, The MITRE Corporation is highly interested in discussing how our organization can utilize the future structure. We understand the benefits include access to UTSA’s state-of-the-art cyber and data analytics laboratories, cloud computing, visualization and machine learning technologies, and to be closely linked to the San Antonio innovation ecosystem. Furthermore, the NSCC will provide our organization access to students with the tools and experiential opportunities necessary to become highly skilled assets for our workforce.

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 rapidly develop products for application in the national security and global defense enterprise. Being that the nation’s second largest footprint in federal and private-sector cyber capabilities is in San Antonio, the NSCC could serve as a regional hub to facilitate activities that support and foster the cyber growth in the southern region.
With these points in mind, I pledge our intent to be involved in the planning stages of the NSCC to help build a powerful and sustainable ecosystem to support our nation’s security.

Please let our organization know how we can help UTSA advocate for this effort from this point forward. I request that our support be identified as FFRDC-The MITRE Corporation in all publications and correspondence. Should you need to discuss our intent, please feel free to reach out at any point. I can be reached at (210) 208-4802 or (210) 675-9640.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

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