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Dr. Taylor Eighmy, President
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Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Dr. Eighmy,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (SADEF) to express support of the National Security Collaboration Center (NSCC), led by The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). We view this initiative as a facilitator to the sustainability and growth of the cybersecurity industry in San Antonio, which includes both private sector industries and federal operations, including military and national security related field offices. UTSA is a driver in all aspects of cybersecurity in San Antonio, as companies and government organizations depend on UTSA’s pipeline of highly trained and transdisciplinary students to feed their workforce needs. UTSA’s robust and top rated cyber education and research programs make them a partner of choice and a natural leader for the NSCC.

The NSCC will consist of a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF), Cyber Laboratory/Range, Data Analytics Laboratory, Cloud Computing technologies and High-Performance Computing (HPC) resources. Furthermore, a proposed innovation factory will engage industry partners interested in spinning out cyber focused technologies with the assistance of UTSA’s well-established commercialization capabilities. The NSCC will strengthen the San Antonio community’s ability to attract and retain companies to fuel the cyber innovation ecosystem.

San Antonio is a prime location for this type of collaboration, as the city is the second largest military and defense related footprint outside of the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Military City USA is host to major cyber operations with the US Army, US Air Force, National Security Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Department of Homeland Security. With this federal presence, cyber and information technology industries are the fastest growing sectors in San Antonio.

For the above reasons, I gladly offer SADEF’s support as this initiative evolves and our expertise to help build public-private ties that will make the NSCC a self-sustaining operation that benefits the citizens of San Antonio, the State of Texas and our nation. Should you have any questions, please reach out directly to discuss.

Respectfully,

Jenna Saucedo-Herrera
President & Chief Executive Officer
San Antonio Economic Development Foundation