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Dr. Hu:

I am pleased to inform you that the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have designated Clemson University as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Research (CAE-R) through academic year 2023.

Your ability to meet the increasing demands of the program criteria will serve the nation well in contributing to the protection of the National Information Infrastructure. The National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace, 14 February 2003 and the International Strategy for Cyberspace, May 2011, address the critical shortage of professionals with these skills and highlights the importance of higher education as a solution to defending America's cyberspace. "Like all nations, the United States has a compelling interest in defending its vital national assets, as well as our core principles and values, and we are committed to defending against those who would attempt to impede our ability to do so." Education is the key to promoting these ideals.

Certificates will be presented during the 2018 NICE Conference and Expo, November 6-7, 2018 in Miami, Florida. For those unable to attend, certificates will also be presented at the 2019 CAE Executive Leadership Forum, April 24-25, 2019 in Pensacola, Florida. We appreciate your participation in this program and look forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Hathaway
National CAE-R Program Director, NSA