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Ms. Christine Nickell
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RE: University of Missouri - Columbia Letter of Intent to Apply for CAE Certification

Dear Ms. Nickell:

This letter is written to inform you of The University of Missouri – Columbia’s intent to apply for certification as a National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Information Assurance Education (IAE). The University of Missouri - Columbia is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission a Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as a PhD granting institution. More information and verification of this accreditation can be found at <http://provost.missouri.edu/accreditation/nca.html> and http://www.ncahlc.org/index.php?option=com_directory&Action=ShowBasic&instid=1469.

The University of Missouri has chosen to bring together the College of Business School of Accountancy, College of Engineering Computer Science Department, and School of Medicine Health Management Informatics departments in cooperation with the Division of Information Technology to form the **Application Security Education Program (ASEP)**.

The College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The School of Accountancy within the College of Business is a nationally ranked 150 hour Masters in Accountancy program. Validation of our College of Business departmental accreditations can be obtained by contacting the AACSB at (813)769-6559.

All of the major College of Engineering programs are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Within the College of Engineering, the Computer Science Department is specifically accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET. Validation of our College of Engineering departmental accreditations can be obtained by contacting the ABET organization at (410)347-7700.

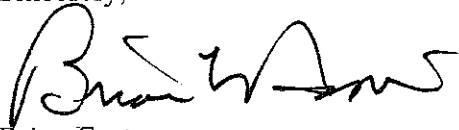
The School of Medicine is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) the nationally-recognized accrediting authority for medical education programs. Within the school of medicine the Health Management and Informatics department is a graduate degree granting program focused on Information Assurance within the health care industry.

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Validation of our School of Medicine accreditations can be obtained by contacting the LCME organization at (202)828-0596

Our CAE activities are centered within the **ASEP** and are directed by Beth Chancellor. The **ASEP** is a University of Missouri program endorsed by the Office of the Provost.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "F".

Brian Foster
Provost

cc: Gary Allen
Ken Dean