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Subject: INFORMATION ASSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NOMINATION CALL

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OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this message is to announce the Department of Defense (DOD) Information Assurance Scholarship Program (IASP) Academic Year (AY) 2013/2014 nomination requirements and provide details for Department of the Navy (DON) application packages. The IASP is authorized by Chapter 112, Title 10, United States Code, and is designed to develop and retain a highly trained cadre of professionals to support the Department’s Information Technology (IT) requirements for warfighting and the security of our information infrastructure.

1. Active duty military officers and permanent DOD civilian employees may apply for a master’s or doctoral degree program; enlisted personnel may apply for a master’s program per Ref A. Nominated personnel should be high performing employees who are

2. The IASP covers the cost of tuition, fees, and books in exchange for service payback. TDY and/or PCS costs (including those necessary to attend partner universities) must be covered by the nominating organization. Pay for military students is funded by centralized service accounts. Parent commands are responsible for civilian student salaries throughout their course of study. Reliefs for military students selected for full-time education programs will be via service assignment policies and processes. Commands are responsible for any necessary position back fill for civilian students selected for the program.

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RATED AT THE HIGHER LEVELS OF THE APPLICABLE PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL SYSTEM AND DEMONSTRATE SUSTAINED QUALITY PERFORMANCE WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES. NOMINATIONS SHOULD FULFILL SPECIFIC PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH THE INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE AND THE NOMINATING ORGANIZATION.

4. RELEVANT ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES AND PROGRAMS OF STUDY SUPPORTED UNDER THE IASP INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: BIOMETRICS, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OR ADMINISTRATION, COMPUTER CRIME INVESTIGATIONS, COMPUTER ENGINEERING, COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, COMPUTER SCIENCE, COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYSIS, CYBER OPERATIONS, CYBERSECURITY, DATABASE ADMINISTRATION, DATA MANAGEMENT, DIGITAL AND MULTIMEDIA FORENSICS, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING, INFORMATION SECURITY (ASSURANCE), INFORMATION SYSTEMS, MATHEMATICS, NETWORK MANAGEMENT/OPERATIONS, SOFTWARE ENGINEERING, AND SIMILAR DISCIPLINES AS APPROVED BY THE DOD CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER (DOD CIO).


6. PARTICIPANTS MUST MAINTAIN GOOD STANDING IN THEIR DEGREE PROGRAMS AND UPON COMPLETION, CONTINUE IN SERVICE AS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OR MILITARY MEMBERS, OR REPAY THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM. MILITARY MEMBERS SHALL SERVE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH FULFILLING DESIGNATED SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF THE NAVY OR MARINE CORPS AS APPLICABLE. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WILL SIGN A CONTINUED SERVICE AGREEMENT ACCORDING TO 5 USC 4108 COMMITTING TO CONTINUE THEIR SERVICE WITH THE DOD UPON CONCLUSION OF THEIR EDUCATION, FOR A PERIOD EQUAL TO AT LEAST THREE TIMES THE LENGTH OF THEIR EDUCATION PERIOD.

7. DON NOMINATION PACKAGES MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

   A. COVER LETTER THAT CLEARLY IDENTIFIES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

      (1) APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION: OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBERS (VOICE/FAX).

      (2) SUPERVISOR CONTACT INFORMATION: SUPERVISOR NAME, TITLE, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBERS (VOICE/FAX).

      (3) NEXT LEVEL SUPERVISOR CONTACT INFORMATION: SUPERVISOR NAME, TITLE, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBERS (VOICE/FAX).
(4) COMPONENT CONTACT INFORMATION: NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBERS (VOICE/FAX).

(5) LIST OF PREVIOUS COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED: SCHOOL NAME, YEARS ATTENDED, CONFERRED DEGREE; PROGRAM OF STUDY, AND GPA.

(6) DESIRED UNIVERSITY (NDU ICOLLEGE AND PARTNER UNIVERSITY, NPS, OR AFIT). APPLICANTS MAY PROVIDE UP TO THREE CHOICES. DESIRED DEGREE, DESIRED START DATE, AND IF CHOOSING NDU ICOLLEGE, INTENT TO ATTEND AS A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STUDENT FOR NDU ICOLLEGE AND REQUESTED PARTNER UNIVERSITY.

B. STANDARD MILITARY OR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL RESUME.

C. SIGNED CONTINUED SERVICE AGREEMENT.

D. CURRENT STANDARD FORM 50, "NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION" (CIVILIANS ONLY) AVAILABLE AT HTTP://WWW.OPM.GOV/FORMS/PDFIMAGE/SF50.PDF.

E. APPLICANT'S PERSONAL GOALS STATEMENT (FOUR TO SIX DOUBLE-SPACED PAGES). DESCRIBE HOW YOUR PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC BACKGROUND MAKES YOU A SUITABLE CANDIDATE FOR THE IASP. EXPLAIN WHY YOU CHOSE THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND DEGREE PROGRAM LISTED ON YOUR APPLICANT COVERSHEET AND HOW THE PROGRAM IN PARTICULAR WOULD BENEFIT YOU. DESCRIBE YOUR DESIRED CAREER GOALS AND HOW YOU BELIEVE THE IASP WILL ENABLE YOU TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS.

F. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S SUPERVISOR AND THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE NEXT LEVEL SUPERVISOR. MILITARY MEMBERS MUST ALSO INCLUDE AN ENDORSEMENT FROM THEIR DETAILER (RECOMMENDATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS SHOULD HIGHLIGHT HOW THE STUDENT'S IA EDUCATION WILL BE APPLIED). ALL NOMINEES MUST HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER PROMOTION.

G. COPY OF GRE OR GMAT SCORES (REQUIRED FOR ALL CHOICES REGARDLESS OF SCHOOL'S INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENT).

H. ONE UNOPENED, SEALED, OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS FOR ALL UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE WORK AND ONE UNOFFICIAL COPY OF EACH TRANSCRIPT.

I. DOCUMENTATION OF THE APPLICANT'S SECURITY CLEARANCE.

8. SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CRITERIA INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. FOR NDU ICOLLEGE WITH THE START DATE OF SEPTEMBER 2013 OR JANUARY 2014:

(1) STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE THE FIRST PART OF THE PROGRAM BY OBTAINING THE CIO AND NSTISSI 4011 CERTIFICATE FROM NDU ICOLLEGE. THIS CAN BE DONE FULL TIME VIA THE 14-WEEK ADVANCED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OR PART TIME VIA DISTRIBUTED LEARNING. PART TIME
STUDENTS MAY APPLY FOR THE IASP AFTER THEY HAVE COMPLETED SEVEN OR MORE COURSES REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATES.

(2) UPON COMPLETION OF THE NDU ICOLLEGE PROGRAM, STUDENTS WILL ENTER AN NDU ICOLLEGE PARTNER UNIVERSITY TO COMPLETE A DEGREE IN AN IA DISCIPLINE VIA RESIDENT OR DISTRIBUTED LEARNING (WHEN APPLICABLE). VISIT HTTP://WWW.NDU.EDU/ICOLLEGE/NETWORK/NTWK_LIST1.HTML FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON NDU ICOLLEGE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES. IASP STUDENTS MAY ONLY ATTEND IDENTIFIED PARTNER UNIVERSITIES.

(3) NOMINEES MAY INCLUDE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE EARNED THE NDU ICOLLEGE CIO AND IA CERTIFICATES IN FY09 OR LATER.

(4) APPLICANTS MUST BE OFFICERS GRADE O-4 AND ABOVE OR CIVILIANS GRADE GS-12 (OR EQUIVALENT) AND ABOVE.

(5) FOR MASTER'S PROGRAMS, APPLICANTS MUST HAVE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) OF 3.0 OUT OF 4.0; FOR THOSE PURSUING A DOCTORATE, APPLICANTS MUST HAVE EARNED A MASTER'S WITH A MINIMUM GPA OF 3.2 OUT OF 4.0 OR EQUIVALENT. ALL DEGREES MUST BE FROM ACADEMICALLY ACCREDITED COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. PARTNER UNIVERSITIES MAY REQUIRE A HIGHER GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND/OR PREREQUISITE COURSES.

(6) APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THE GRE OR GMAT.

(7) RETENTION STUDENTS WHO ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE DOD IASP ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE NDU ICOLLEGE ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A STUDENT AGREEMENT BEFORE STARTING THE PROGRAM. GRADUATING STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A STUDENT DEVELOPMENT SESSION BEFORE TRANSITIONING TO THEIR SELECTED PARTNER UNIVERSITY. (8) FURTHER SPECIFICS ON THE NDU ICOLLEGE CIO AND IA PROGRAMS MAY BE FOUND AT HTTP://WWW.NDU.EDU/ICOLLEGE/PCS/PROG_CRS_SVCS1.HTML.

(9) ACCEPTANCE INTO THE IASP DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE INTO A PARTNER UNIVERSITY.

B. FOR NPS WITH A START DATE OF JULY 2013 OR JANUARY 2014:

(1) MASTER'S OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND CYBER SYSTEMS AND OPERATIONS (CSO) ARE OFFERED AT NPS. PHD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, INFORMATION SCIENCES, AND MATHEMATICS ARE ALSO OFFERED. ENLISTED PERSONNEL MAY ONLY APPLY FOR THE MASTER'S PROGRAM. UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE REQUIRED COURSES, STUDENTS IN THE NPS PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE NSTISSI 4011 AND 4015, AND CNSSI 4012 - 4014 CERTIFICATES.
(2) APPLICANTS MUST BE CIVILIANS GS-9 OR HIGHER; MILITARY MUST BE EITHER E-4 THROUGH E-9; WO-1 THROUGH WO-4; O-1 OR HIGHER.

(3) FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM, APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH A MINIMUM 3.0 GPA OR EQUIVALENT. PHD PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS ARE DETERMINED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

(4) APPLICANT MUST HAVE, OR BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR, SECRET CLEARANCE UPON ACCEPTANCE.

(5) DETAILS OF THE IA PROGRAM MAY BE FOUND AT HTTP://WWW.CISR.US/IACON.HTML.

C. FOR AFIT WITH A START DATE OF AUGUST 2013 OR JANUARY 2014:

(1) MASTER'S OF SCIENCE DEGREES IN CYBER OPERATIONS, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, COMPUTER ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ARE OFFERED AT AFIT. PHD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. ALL DEGREE PARTICIPANTS COMPLETING THE IA SPECIALIZATION WILL ALSO RECEIVE NSTISSI 4011 AND CNSSI 4012 CERTIFICATION.

(2) CIVILIAN AND MILITARY APPLICANTS MAY BE ANY GRADE.

(3) FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM, APPLICANTS MUST HAVE AN APPROPRIATE BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH A MINIMUM 3.0 GPA; FOR THE PHD PROGRAM, APPLICANTS MUST HAVE AN APPROPRIATE MASTER'S DEGREE WITH A MINIMUM 3.5 GPA.

(4) GRE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL DEGREES ARE 550 VERBAL/650 QUANTITATIVE.

(5) APPLICANT MUST HAVE OR BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE UPON ACCEPTANCE.

(6) MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE IA PROGRAM MAY BE FOUND AT HTTPS://WWW.AFIT.EDU/EN/CCR/INDEX.CFM.

9. CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR PACKAGES THROUGH THEIR APPROPRIATE CHAIN OF COMMAND TO BE RECEIVED BY THE DON CIO BY 15 JANUARY 2013. MILITARY NOMINATIONS MUST INCLUDE DETAILER OR MONITOR ENDORSEMENT. ALL ACTIVE DUTY NAVY APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR COMPLETE NOMINATION PACKAGE (TO INCLUDE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND DETAILER ENDORSEMENT) TO THE NAVY POC LISTED BELOW NLT 01 JANUARY 2013. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA AND GUIDANCE FOR USMC MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WILL BE PUBLISHED BY MARADMIN.

A. USMC CIVILIAN POC: MR. PETE GILLIS, 703-614-9664/DSN 224, PETER.L.GILLIS@USMC.MIL and MR. RENE AGOSTO, 571-256-8846/DSN 260, RENE.AGOSTO@USMC.MIL
B. USMC MILITARY POCs: Maj Paul Keener, 703-693-3545/DSN 223, PAUL.B.KEENER@USMC.MIL, and Mgysgt Jonathan White, 571-256-8845/DSN260, JONATHAN.R.WHITE@USMC.MIL. USMC OFFERS THE PROGRAM TO STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS (SNCOS).

C. NAVY MILITARY POC: Mr. Mike Saunders, 703-604-6292/DSN 664, MICHAEL.SAUNDERS@NAVY.MIL

D. NAVY CIVILIAN POC: Ms. Jennifer Harper, 703-695-1983/DSN 225, JENNIFER.A.HARPER@NAVY.MIL.

10. DON CIO WILL BE FORMALLY NOTIFIED OF APPLICANT SELECTION BY MARCH 31, 2013. THE DON IASP COORDINATOR WILL NOTIFY THE APPLICANTS REGARDING SELECTION INTO THE IASP. SELECTEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING ANY FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS AS NEEDED TO ACCEPT THE SCHOLARSHIP. THE DOD IASP PROGRAM OFFICE WILL NOT NOTIFY APPLICANTS DIRECTLY.

11. THE DON CIO ENCOURAGES ORGANIZATIONS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GRADUATE DEGREE COMPLETION OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED THROUGH THE IASP. DURING A TIME OF LIMITED TRAINING RESOURCES, IASP PROVIDES A Viable MEANS TO FUND ADVANCED EDUCATION FOR PERSONNEL WHO ARE EITHER IN AN IA RELATED POSITION OR ARE PREPARING FOR AN ASSIGNMENT REQUIRING ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE IN THE BROAD DISCIPLINES DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH FIVE.

12. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT IASP, GO TO THE DON CIO WEB SITE AT WWW.DONCIO.NAVY.MIL AND SEARCH ON IASP OR CONTACT THE DON IASP COORDINATOR, MS. JENNIFER HARPER, JENNIFER.A.HARPER@NAVY.MIL, 703-695-1983/DSN 225.

13. REQUEST WIDEST DISSEMINATION. RELEASED BY TERRY A. HALVORSEN, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER. //