

ANNEX I
Partnership with the Information Resources Management College
(iCollege)
of the
National Defense University (NDU)

CAEs *may, but are not required to*, address this section of the solicitation with a separate ANNEX I to their proposals titled "Proposal for iCollege/NDU Partnership." CAEs are encouraged to submit a proposal for this section if the CAE has a current partnership or intends to partner with iCollege during the next academic year. This submission will be evaluated separately from the Institution's general proposal in response to the broader solicitation.

I. OVERVIEW

In addition to students who are not employed by the DoD at the time of application, the DoD will award a number of scholarships to current DoD employees to pursue degrees in information assurance, information technology and cybersecurity (IT/IA/cybersecurity) disciplines.

The scholarship program, as conducted by the National Defense University Information Resources Management College (iCollege/NDU), focuses on DoD civilian employees and military officers who wish to pursue a full-time or part-time master's degree or a full-time doctorate in an IA discipline. Applicants are nominated to enter the program in September 2013 or January 2014. Selected students will complete the first part of their degree through the NDU iCollege and then enter a Partner University to complete the remaining degree requirements.

- Full-time students complete the Chief Information Officer (CIO) certificate and NSTISSI 4011 certificate requirements through the Advanced Management Program (AMP), a 14-week resident program at the Ft. McNair, Washington DC campus, plus one additional course that they may take via distance learning, either in advance of or at the same time as the AMP.
- Part-time NDU iCollege students may apply for the DoD IASP after they have completed 7 or more courses required for completion of their designated NDU iCollege certificate.
- Students must complete both the CIO and NSTISSI 4011 certificates prior to continuing their study with one of the NDU iCollege Partner Universities. This will require students to successfully complete the "Global Enterprise Networking and Telecommunications" (GEN) course prior to starting AMP. The GEN course may be taken in-residence or through distributed learning (DL).

The NDU is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is a graduate level institution. Currently, a number of universities grant DoD civilian employees and military officers who complete the CIO Certificate Program a total of 15 graduate transfer credits toward their master's and/or doctoral degree programs. Additional agreements award nine (9) hours credit for the NSTISSI 4011 Certification only. If you have questions on the process for the memoranda of agreement (MOA) or need

samples of course syllabi for the varying CIO Certificate Program options and current MOA for graduate credit please contact the IRM College's Assistant Dean of Curriculum, Dr. Brenda Roth, at 202-685-2062, or at rothb@ndu.edu. If you have general questions regarding the Annex I solicitation, you may contact Gilliam Duvall, 202-685-3889, duvallg@ndu.edu or email askiasp@nsa.gov.

II. PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

iCollege/NDU invites CAEs to propose partnerships or cite existing agreements that would articulate the iCollege program with a follow-on opportunity at the CAE. This partnership would allow DoD students to complete a master's or doctorate with a concentration in information assurance. The following conditions will apply to a partnership arrangement between a CAE institution and iCollege, and should be addressed in the ANNEX I proposal.

A. DoD Student Population: DoD students will be enrolled in the iCollege Advanced Management Program scheduled to begin in September 2013 or January 2014. These students will complete the iCollege program by the end of December 2013 or April 2014, and be eligible to enter a full-time graduate program to in January 2014 or September 2014 to complete the remainder of their degree. Please note these students may select individual partnering universities; they do not all proceed as one cohort to any one institution.

B. DoD Student Demographics: DoD students will be civilian employees or military officers at senior career levels (GS-12 and O-4 officer rank and above) who are competitively selected to participate in the DoD scholarship program and attend the CIO Certificate Program (with NSTISSI 4011 Certification). Besides having successfully completed the CIO Certificate Program and the NSTISSI 4011 Certificate, they will have completed, at a minimum, an undergraduate degree and will be eligible to begin the first or second year of a master's degree program or doctoral studies.

C. ANNEX I Technical Proposals: CAEs must be willing to consider acceptance of DoD-selected students who have, at a minimum, an undergraduate degree and who meet all CAE university entrance requirements. Once admitted to their graduate programs in an information assurance related degree, partnering CAEs agree to award a minimum of fifteen (15) graduate credits from the iCollege CIO Certificate Program (with NSTISSI 4011 Certification) or a minimum of nine (9) hours for NSTISSI 4011 Certification only. CAEs should indicate their willingness to accept these conditions or cite existing agreements, address the specific number of graduate credits they award or will award for the iCollege CIO Certificate and/or NSTISSI 4011 Certification, and indicate whether the agreement will be extended to all iCollege CIO Certificate Program and CNSS 4011 Certification graduates, including those not participating in the scholarship program. In addition, they should briefly address:

1. the number of students they can accommodate from each of the anticipated iCollege class cycles during Academic Year 2013-2014, and thereafter;
2. master's and/or doctoral degree programs the students could participate in;

For each identified degree, provide the following information:

1. number of additional credit hours required for degree completion
2. estimated number of months to complete degree (do **not** include iCollege time);
3. prerequisite qualifications required or desired (if any) of potential DoD students;

4. anticipated curriculum content of graduate programs proposed for the DoD students; **and**
5. whether students will be required to attend courses on the college campuses or whether there are alternative means (e.g. web-based or satellite-based distance learning) through which students might participate in the CAE's degree programs.
6. whether students will be eligible to attend courses part-time.

D. ANNEX I Cost Proposals: CAEs wishing to partner with DoD in this effort should provide a separate cost ANNEX I in support of their "Proposal for iCollege/NDU Partnership." In preparing this cost ANNEX I, CAEs should estimate the per student scholarship costs (e.g., tuition, books, and select academic fees) for DoD students. Unlike non-DoD students participating in the scholarship program, DoD students will not receive stipends. These scholarship costs should be identified separately from any other direct costs associated with the partnership proposed with iCollege, e.g., evaluation of curriculum content for determining transfer credits, programmatic enhancements, managerial requirements, etc. *Administrative costs allowed for the program should include a visit to the iCollege, for one overnight if necessary (if you are not in the local area). Additionally, if you do not currently have iCollege partnership students, please provide prices for a per student option, with a breakout of in-state/out-of-state (as applicable), MS and PhD (if both), and indicate the maximum number of partnership students you can accept during each year. Those with current partnership students must also address the necessary continuation costs for them.* In computing indirect (F&A) costs, CAEs are again reminded that F&A costs may not be applied to scholarship amounts per OMB Circular A-21. (http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a021/a21_2004.html#i).

V. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The "Proposal for iCollege/NDU Partnership" ANNEX I will be evaluated separately from the rest of the CAE's proposal using the criteria below:

- A. The merits of the CAE's proposed approach, and the ability of the institution to meet the conditions imposed by DoD for an iCollege/NDU partnership.
- B. The potential benefit of the program to DoD students and to meeting DoD mission needs.
- C. The realism and reasonableness of the cost proposal.