The Rutgers Center for Information Assurance (RCIA) is hereby chartered to advance education, foster applied research, and serve as a liaison between Rutgers University and industry and government in the Information Assurance practice and related disciplines.

**Background:**

Rutgers University (RU) has established a national reputation and leadership role in the areas of information assurance, information systems, computer security, systems reliability, data mining and national security, through the departments of computer science, electrical & computation engineering, industrial & systems engineering, management science and information science, and political science. These departments have initiated a new research and academic program in information assurance to promote and support education and applied research in information assurance. In 2008, RU has been evaluated and certified by the Information Assurance Courseware Evaluation (IACE) Program that RU courseware meets all of the elements of the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) National Training Standards for Information Systems Security (INFOSEC) Professionals, NSTISSI No. 4011 and System Administrators (SA), CNSSI No. 4013 Entry Level.

**Vision and Mission:**

The vision of RCIA is to serve as a forefront interdisciplinary center dedicated to developing and fostering world-class research, education, training, and career development for students and professionals in information assurance. The mission of the RCIA is to function as a multidisciplinary center of academic excellence coordinating and fostering collaborative partnerships amongst RU’s Schools of Engineering and Art & Sciences, government, and industry. In addition, the RCIA promotes course development offered in a wide variety of information assurance-related areas, and incorporation of incorporate information assurance in existing courses to meet the increasing needs of the nation in the area of information assurance. The RCIA organizes and supports training programs, community events, and special purpose conferences to share and leverage synergies of information assurance concepts, technologies and resources needed by industry and government.

**Membership in the RCIA:**

Requests for membership will be considered and approved by the Director and Associate Directors of RCIA. Faculty and industry affiliation with the RCIA is based on a voluntary basis. Members within the RCIA conduct fundamental and applied research in information assurance, information systems,
computer security, systems reliability, data mining and national security to develop foundational knowledge, tools, and expertise in the information assurance arena. Through membership, RCIA endeavors to attract state and national level attention in the information assurance research and other related fields and obtain significant external grant support.

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