

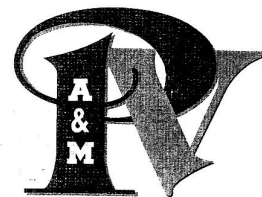
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RE: Partnership between PVAMU "Center of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST)" and Pace University "Center of Excellence in Information Assurance (CEIA)".

Dear Dr. Merritt:

The School of Engineering at Prairie View A & M University (PVAMU) is pleased to support the partnership between the proposed PVAMU CREST and Pace CSIS – CEIA. I am pleased to let you know that the Advanced Telecommunications Research Laboratory (ATRL) headed by Dr. Vaman is actively pursuing research in the areas of secure integrated battlefield communications for supporting QoS assured multi-service applications that have direct impact on information assurance area being supported by CSIS-CEIA. As the researchers from the two universities meet, we should be able to identify other cooperative areas of the CREST program over a period of time and foster growth of research and exchange of students.

In addition, we are also pleased to support exchange of students to generate multiple college experience and reciprocity of credits, and exchange of faculty between PVAMU and Pace. Towards achieving this goal, we will soon establish a joint working group to finalize the administrative matters. The end goal is to achieve a mutually rewarding experience for the university, faculty and students.

I am looking forward to our potential partnership.

Sincerely,

Milton R. Bryant, Ph.D.

Dean

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