| | EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARDS | <u> </u> |
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| RECRUITMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NCAE-Cs | RETENTION | CAPACITY BUILDING FOR NCAE-Cs |
| Scholarship Proposals: NCAE-C recruitment student proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria: • Merits of the institution's proposed approach to designing and developing a robust DoD CSA. • Institution's process for promoting and advertising the DoD CSA opportunity. • Congruence with statutory intent, the requirements of the DoD, and its relevance and potential contribution to the DoD mission needs. • Institution's existing resources to accomplish the program objectives. • The realism and reasonableness of the cost proposal. Proposals must include the following: • Identified Programs of Study for the students • Proposed plan of how to manage the students. Include any required meetings and events. • Proposed plan on how the institution will include the option to obtain commercial certifications identified in DoD 8140. • A copy of the institution's student code of conduct Proposals will be evaluated by a panel of Department of Defense cyber professionals drawn from the Military Departments, the Office of the DoD Chief Information Officer, | Retention Scholarships will be evaluated separately from the rest of the NCAE-C's proposal using the criteria below: • The merits of the NCAE-C's proposed approach, and the ability of the institution to meet the conditions imposed by DoD for a CIC/NDU partnership or community college program. • The reasonableness of the cost proposal. | Capacity Building proposals will be evaluated separately from the rest of the NCAE-C's proposal package using the criteria below: • The designated NCAE-C program on campus must submit all proposals. The NCAE-C point of contact does not have to act as the principal investigator, but they should be involved in some capacity. • The NCAE-C's current academic programs and proposed enhancements provide significant benefits to potential DoD CSA Scholars and support DoD mission needs by aligning to DoD strategies and workforce framework. • The NCAE-C should identify key activities (e.g., programs, forums or partnerships with DoD, other government agencies, academia, or private industry) that enhance its cybersecurity academic credentials and contribute to faculty, staff, and student awareness and experiences in current cybersecurity trends. • Requested research funding should align with DoD areas of interest and provide meaningful learning opportunities for both faculty and DoD CSA students. • Lab activities and curricula enhancements should provide students with critical cyber skills and knowledge. DoD CSA Bootcamp and DoD Cyber Apprenticeship Program proposals will also be reviewed based on the published requirements of the event. The Government will review the reasonableness of the cost proposal. |

| After NCAE-C nominations, student applications will be evaluated by participating DoD Agencies and Components who plan to hire students upon graduation. Each DoD agencies and/or component will select students based on the mission and needs of the agency or component. |
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