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NDU's iCollege is Named Finalist for the International E-Learning Awards

The National Defense University's Information Resources Management College (NDU iCollege) was recently named as a Finalist in the category of "Excellence in the Production of Learning Content – Public Sector" by the leading European publication e.learning age, in its annual awards: http://www.elearningage.co.uk/SHORTLIST.ASPX. Launched in 2005, the E-Learning Awards honor the best in e-learning programs, projects, teams, individuals and strategies. With over 200 entries in the 2010 competition, the E-Learning Awards has been recognized as the most prestigious and competitive awards in e-learning innovation.

The NDU iCollege is dedicated to the development and use of e-learning curricula and tools for government, civilian, and international Information Age leaders. The NDU iCollege submission focused on one of its core-edge development initiatives in e-learning – the College's online learning course on Multi-Agency and Information-Enabled Collaboration. This course addresses improving inter-agency effectiveness for national and homeland security preparation, response and recovery. The course leverages a Web 2.0 approach to e-learning for senior leaders and integrates a wide range of collaborative technologies including the following: virtual worlds, YouTube-style student videos, decision-making games, user-created content, rich media pools and more.

Criteria for the award included: projects that combine language, imagery, other media and interaction in innovative ways to transfer learning effectively and efficiently; users describe their learning in positive terms such as enjoyable, effective and memorable; stakeholders recognize it as value for money, timely and efficient in matching or exceeding the intended outcomes; that it is viewed by learning or communication experts as creative and extending the boundaries of accepted good practice, and that the content matches a specified organizational need. The college would like to congratulate Professor Cathy Downes and her teaching team for this achievement.

About the College - The NDU iCollege, a U.S. Department of Defense educational institution, prepares leaders to direct the information component of national power by leveraging information and information technology for strategic advantage. Although most students come from DoD (military and civilians), the school also accepts Federal Agency, private sector, and international students into its graduate programs. Education is focused around CIO, CFO, Information Assurance/Cyber, Enterprise Architecture, IT Project Management, and other information leadership competencies. The NDU iCollege is also currently working with the U.S. Department of Education to obtain approval for its new Government Information Leader Master of Science Degree. Courses are completed

on campus and/or online. For more information about the NDU iCollege's programs, please contact: Jolly Sienda at jolly.sienda.ctr@ndu.edu; or for general information about the college, visit www.ndu.edu/icollege.

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