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SUBJECT: Defense Industry Civilian Students at the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT)

AFIT provides research-based, defense-focused graduate education leading to Master's or Ph.D. degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines to Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD), and Coalition personnel. Recently passed legislation, 10 U.S.C. § 9314a, now allows AFIT to broaden its student base to include defense industry employees.

Under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 9314a, I authorize the Commandant, AFIT, to enroll defense industry employees for graduate academic programs within the limitations of the law. Further, in accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 9314a(c), I delegate to the Commandant of AFIT the authority to make the annual determination that providing instruction to defense industry employees not only furthers the military mission of AFIT, but will also be performed on a space-available basis with no increase in faculty, course offerings, laboratory facilities, or infrastructure of the school.

Students enrolling at AFIT under this new authority must be employed by a private firm that is engaged in providing the Department of Defense significant and substantial defense-related systems, products, or services. The curriculum in which such defense industry employees may be enrolled must not be readily available through other schools and must concentrate on the areas of focus specified in 10 U.S.C. 9314a(a)(1) that are conducted by military organizations and defense contractors working in close cooperation. The Commandant, AFIT, will ensure that the enrollment criteria and the scope of eligible courses and programs offered to students are in compliance with these requirements and the AFIT Implementation Plan.

Course offerings at AFIT will continue to be determined solely by the needs of the Department of Defense.

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