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SUBJECT: U.S. Army Conference on Applied Statistics

Dear Colleague,

You are cordially invited to attend the 11th U.S. Army Conference on Applied Statistics (ACAS) during October 19–21, 2005. The co-hosts for this event are the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) and TRAC-Monterey. We appreciate the spirit with which both organizations have embraced this year's conference and look forward to a good meeting. Over the years, Monterey has served as a venue for some of our best-attended and most interesting meetings. It was in Monterey in 1986, that I first witnessed some rather spirited sparring between George Box and John Tukey over the correct approach for addressing questions in a clinical paper. Such sparring, I came to learn later was not uncommon, but as a young statistician, it was new to me. Most recently we visited Monterey in 1996, hosted by the Test and Experimentation Center of TRADOC (TEC-Monterey), where a very impressive list of government and academic attendees assembled to pay tribute to the 40 years of testing at Fort Hunter Liggett. Prior to that meeting, we visited TEC-Monterey in 1989 just in time for the Loma Prieta Earthquake, which knocked out all utilities in and around Monterey for several days. We were not going anywhere, so the conference went on! I fondly remember David Scott, during a talk on statistical analysis and computer graphics, holding up his carefully prepared graphics transparencies to favor the sunlight from the meeting room window overlooking Monterey Bay. My sincere hope this year is that the quality of the papers will be excitement enough.

As mentioned in the call-for-papers announcement, ACAS has aligned with the Interface Foundation of North America. The Interface will guide ACAS in its management, growth, and continued service to the defense community. We are off to a good start. This conference features a two-day tutorial on "Mixed-effects Models Using R," offered by Douglas Bates, University of Wisconsin. In addition, we have forty-eight papers on diverse topics such as homeland security, system fielding, network intrusion, reliability methods, optimization, streaming data, and Bayesian theory to name just some. A complete list of titles is available at our web site: http://www.galaxy.gmu.edu/ACAS/index.htm.

Please take the time to review other details and registration information contained within this packet, noting *especially* **that room reservations must be booked by September 16th**.

Sincerely,

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