



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc. (ISC)<sup>2</sup>  
AND  
IT Acquisition Advisory Council (IT-AAC.org)**

- Whereas* The International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc. (ISC)<sup>2</sup> and IT Acquisition Advisory Council (IT-AAC) share a mutual commitment to transforming how the federal government Acquires and Manages Information Technology programs. Areas of mutual interest include; IT Innovation Enablement, Solution Architectures, Acquisition Reform, sharing of commercial best practices and lessons learned. IT-AAC is a not-for-profit organization establishing standards of practice for improving IT Architecture and Acquisition effectiveness, and a clearinghouse of solution architectures and performance metrics.
- Whereas* The missions of IT-AAC and the (ISC)<sup>2</sup> initiatives are complementary with respect to providing Defense IT program managers education, mentoring and tools in IT Acquisition process improvement, promoting adoption of IT implementation best practices, and supporting collaborative mechanisms that assure successful implementation of IT centric systems in the Defense Sector (IT Infrastructure, Business Systems, Information Sharing, Health IT, Cyber Security, Case Management); and
- Whereas* Both organizations desire to collaborate on to further IT Acquisition effectiveness through this memorandum of understanding, through enhanced Technology Acquisition training and mentoring programs that advance congressional directive Section 804 of the National Defense Authorization Act and Sec 802 of the 2008 NDAA to enhance the Acquisition Workforce. This MOU establishes a cooperative agreement between (ISC)<sup>2</sup> and IT-AAC to partner in the development and implementation of a government wide IT Acquisition curriculum, and to propose to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, ATL support of its IT Acquisition objectives.

*Therefore Be It Resolved:*

That (ISC)<sup>2</sup> commits to collaborate with IT-AAC in development of public/private proposals and grants to further agency specific initiatives.  
(ISC)<sup>2</sup> and IT-AAC will strive to advance their respective goals by expanding existing operations, capabilities, methods and expertise. IT-AAC and (ISC)<sup>2</sup> will mutually support IT-AAC's **Leadership Roundtables** as time allows.

This MOU establishes a collaborative framework for (ISC)<sup>2</sup> and the IT-AAC to pursue joint ventures and agency funded opportunities that are mutually beneficial and advance the public interests. (ISC)<sup>2</sup> and the IT-AAC will each appoint personnel to explore these opportunities and propose the specific details on what each party will pursue and how the details associated with each area should be handled. The opportunities identified for partnering include, but are not limited to:



- Senior qualified IT-AAC professionals (both DoD and industry) serving as distinguished guest lecturers in selected IT-AAC events and seminars.
- IT-AAC personnel will attend mutually selected / approved webinars to gain a prospective on technology and business trends. By giving IT-AAC this insight, it helps propagate innovation that leads to better engineering proposals in response to DoD requirements.
- Exploration of joint research ventures.

On an annual basis the parties will meet to review the benefits and results as well as efforts and resources expended by each party. Each party agrees to bear its own cost of participation in this MOU, and will not result in a charge to either party. Each party participates in this agreement voluntarily and it may be terminated by either party at any time. This MOU will facilitate coordination of resources between (ISC)<sup>2</sup> and the IT-AAC. Points of contact in specific areas are included in the attachment.

Both parties agree to support this common vision through ongoing collaboration based on trust and mutual respect for the mutual benefit of (ISC)<sup>2</sup> and INCOSE.

The IT-AAC or (ISC)<sup>2</sup> may use the other party's name or logo in published materials (e.g., website and catalog) to reference this MOU or contact information. Content and text of all promotional information must be approved by each party prior to release.

No agreements concerning the transfer or exchange of any asset or funding of either party is intended or implied by this memorandum. The IT-AAC and (ISC)<sup>2</sup> are separate and independent institutions and by this agreement both will continue to operate as separate institutions. The IT-AAC, operates as a public/private think tank, is joined by other public interest concerns that do not lobby or provide material solutions to the federal government.

Either party reserves the right to terminate, after 30 days prior notice, this Memorandum of Understanding when the interest of that party so dictates.

All efforts expended pursuant to this initial MOU are rendered voluntarily, and each party bears the cost of its own proposal efforts seeking agency funding support. It is recognized however, that training, mentoring, and consulting in support of acquisition reform will be funded by DOD sponsors, and that each party will need to be reimbursed for services rendered.

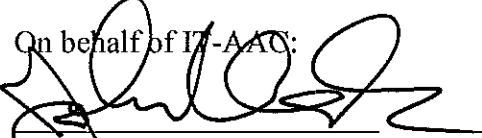
This MOU may be amended as needed without affecting the terms of this agreement. A separate agreement may need to be executed to support implementation of jointly proposed efforts.

The administrators of the IT-AAC and (ISC)<sup>2</sup> are authorized to sign, prepare and implement plans of action and procedures necessary to effect this agreement.



Signed,

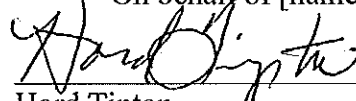
On behalf of IT-AAC:

*for* 

Mike Wynne  
IT-AAC Chairman

*John Weiler*  
*Managing Director*

On behalf of [name]:



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Executive Director (ISC)<sup>2</sup>



## ATTACHMENT

### COLLABORATION POINTS OF CONTACT

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