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Dear ACAS participant:

Welcome participants of the 2009 U.S. Army Conference on Applied Statistics to Arizona State University and to Tempe. The School of Computing, Informatics and Decision Systems Engineering (SCIDSE) is pleased and host this prestigious event. Tempe is an exciting city to visit with much to see and do. ASU is with walking distance of a vibrant restaurant district on Mill Avenue and within a short train or cab ride of downtown Phoenix, which offers many cultural and entertainment opportunities. The faculty and students of our school hope that your visit to ASU and Tempe.

SCIDSE is a new organization within the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering. We were formed by combining the School of Computing and Informatics with the Department of Industrial, Systems and Operations Engineering. Ron Askin, formerly the department head for ISOE is the head of the new school. Our organization has over 50 faculty members with research interests in many of the traditional areas of both previous programs, such as operations research, industrial statistics, computer science and engineering and informatics, but many new synergistic activities such as data mining and computer and information security, which were strong programs in both previous organizations.

I have been affiliated with ISOE at ASU for over 20 years. Our program has had a large and active graduate program with over 200 MS and PhD students. Our doctoral graduates hold faculty positions or research positions at many of the world's leading universities, research laboratories, and industrial organizations. There is also a multidisciplinary committee on statistics at ASU, administering a MS degree and a graduate certificate in statistics. This committee is made up of statistics faculty from mathematics, engineering, and business. We currently have about 35 MS students and over 150 certificate students. Our certificate program is one of the largest and most successful on campus. Students can also earn certification as a six sigma black belt along with the statistics certificate. Our school also offers an on-line MEng degree in Quality and Reliability Engineering that has been extremely popular, with over 75 current students. Participants in this program can also earn the statistics and six sigma black belt certificates along with the MEng degree.

On behalf of the School of Computing, Informatics and Decision Systems Engineering and Arizona State University I am pleased to welcome the participants of the 2007 U.S. Army Conference on Applied Statistics to our campus.

Sincerely,

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