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Dear ACAS Participant:

Welcome to SAS world headquarters for the 2010 Army Conference on Applied Statistics (ACAS). It is our pleasure to host this notable event, formerly the Conference on the Design of Experiments in Army Research, Development, & Testing, which has been dedicated to advancing the use of statistics in solving defense problems for more than 50 years.

This is a promising opportunity for each of us to interact and collaborate across disciplines. You represent a variety of industries, defense organizations and academic institutions, but the conference presentations on both theoretical and applied papers will serve as a springboard for shared discussions about the best practices for applied statistics.

And the timing is particularly relevant in light of international events. This year, ACAS coincides with the first United Nations World Statistics Day on Oct. 20. As we gather to advance the use of probability and statistics in the U.S. Army and beyond, we are also participating in a worldwide celebration of the role of statistics around the globe.

Your work is one of many examples highlighting the importance of further support for statisticians across settings, cultures and domains. Thank you for participating in this forum on the advancement of statistics and its practical applications for the defense community.

Sincerely,

John Sall

Co-founder and Executive Vice President  
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