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John,

I would like to commend you and your team for the "Information Assurance Systems Modeling and Simulation" research effort performed under the Information Assurance Science and Engineering Tools program at DARPA. The OBJECTive Technology Group, KEI, and the Interoperability Clearinghouse have helped to extend understanding and insights we need for modeling, measuring, and validating information assurance properties of enterprise systems. The unique work you've done to frame issues about interoperability effects on information assurance of systems is particularly encouraging. I believe it can contribute to ongoing work in the field of information assurance metrics and composition ongoing at DARPA and other agencies.

I was pleasantly surprised at the effective and efficient use of funding I was able to invest in this effort as well as your ability to leverage other funding sources. I saw the potential of your work to extend understanding in basic information assurance fundamentals and Dr. Salasin had the same feeling for software engineering; however, we knew it would be a long shot for success. Your team came through!

Once again, congratulations on our very successful research efforts. I hope that you can contribute to other programs that are attempting to solve the very difficult problem of modeling and assessing complex IA systems.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Skroch", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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