Academic Institutions Selected for
Centers of Academic Excellence in Geospatial Sciences Program

New joint NGA and USGS endeavor designed to cultivate centers of academic excellence in geospatial sciences.

SPRINGFIELD, Virginia – The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, announced today 17 new academic institutions selected for the Centers for Academic Excellence in Geospatial Sciences program.

The program is a new endeavor designed to cultivate centers of academic excellence in geospatial sciences, content processing, tradecraft methodologies, and research and development technologies. NGA and USGS recognize the inherent value of investing in the future geospatial workforce and the CAE Geospatial Sciences program supports that goal.

"The CAE Geospatial Sciences Program is a new way of cultivating relationships and partnerships across America's universities," said Lenora Peters Gant, Ph.D., NGA senior executive for academic outreach & STEM. "This program is one of the best strategic and systemic approaches to shape the geospatial intelligence workforce of the future."

The institutions selected are:

- United States Air Force Academy
- Alabama A&M University
- Arizona State University
- Delta State University
- Fayetteville State University
- George Mason University
- Mississippi State University
- Northeastern University
- The Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Roane State Community College
- United States Military Academy
- University of Alabama
- University of Maine
- University of South Florida
- University of Texas – Dallas
- University of Utah

The CAE Geospatial Sciences Program provides NGA and USGS the ability to assess universities geospatial science curricula, research and development, and related capabilities that align with the agencies' mission needs. With these partnerships, the agencies can attract a broader array of geospatial intelligence, or GEOINT, expertise, research and development, and talent sources for current and emerging critical mission challenges.

The selected institutions will be acknowledged in a ceremony at the 2015 USGIF GEOINT Symposium, June 22, at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

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