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Dear ACAS Participant:

Welcome to the 2006 U. S. Army Conference on Applied Statistics (ACAS), hosted by the National Institute of Statistical Sciences (NISS)! As part of our mission to “identify, catalyze and foster high-impact, cross- disciplinary research involving the statistical sciences,” NISS is particularly pleased to host or co-sponsor conferences and workshops that address important issues at the interfaces between the statistical sciences and disciplinary science.

I am especially happy that the meeting is taking place during our year-long celebration of the fifteen anniversary of the founding of NISS. I hope you will take the opportunity to visit NISS— and also our sister institute, the Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI)— while you are in North Carolina.

The ACAS, statistics in the Research Triangle and now NISS have rich and storied histories, and so it is fitting that this year’s conference is in Research Triangle Park. The organizing committee has put together a stimulating, exciting program centered on real problems in modeling and data analysis, which in ACAS tradition emphasizes problems relevant to the Army’s statistical needs and challenges.

Three people deserve thanks from all of us: Nell Sedransk, Associate Director of NISS, who made most of the initial arrangements, and Martha Williamson and Katherine Kantner of NISS, who have, as always, provided superb support.

And, of course, thanks to all of you for coming and making the conference a success!

Sincerely,

