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**STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY LAUNCHES  
NEW SYSTEMS ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER**  
*Stevens Institute of Technology and University of Southern California to establish a  
Systems Engineering Research Center (SERC)*

**HOBOKEN, NJ, Nov. 19, 2008** – Stevens Institute of Technology will launch its new Systems Engineering Research Center (SERC) on November 24 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm in the Babbio Center at Stevens. The National Security Agency (NSA), in conjunction with the Department of Defense (DoD), awarded Stevens a five-year renewable contract to establish the SERC at its Hoboken, New Jersey campus. This is the nation's only University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) focused on systems engineering research.

SERC will be responsible for systems engineering research that supports the development, integration, testing and sustainability of complex defense systems, enterprises and services. SERC will serve as the systems engineering research engine for the DoD and Intelligence Community (IC). It will also offer systems engineering programs and workshops for DoD and IC employees and contractors. Along with Stevens and the University of Southern California (USC) as its principal collaborator, researchers from 16 universities and research centers throughout the United States will support the mission of SERC.

Dr. Dinesh Verma, dean, Stevens' School of Systems and Enterprises, will serve as executive director with Dr. Art Pyster, distinguished Stevens' research professor, and Dr. Barry Boehm, professor of software engineering and director of the Center for Systems and Software Engineering at USC, serving as deputy executive director and director of research, respectively.

"Becoming one of the Nation's leaders in complex systems education and research is a top strategic priority for Stevens," said Dr. Harold Raveche, Stevens' president. "This award puts us one step closer to achieving our goal."

Additional information regarding the Department of Defense and the National Security Agency is available on their respective web sites, [www.defenselink.mil](http://www.defenselink.mil) and [www.nsa.gov](http://www.nsa.gov).

#### **About Stevens Institute of Technology**

Founded in 1870, Stevens Institute of Technology is one of the leading technological universities in the world dedicated to learning and research. Through its broad-based curricula, nurturing of creative inventiveness and cross disciplinary research, the Institute is at the forefront of global challenges in engineering, science, and technology management. Partnerships and collaboration between, and among, business, industry, government and other universities contribute to the enriched environment of the Institute. Stevens offers baccalaureates, master's and doctoral degrees in engineering, science, computer science and management, in addition to a baccalaureate degree in the humanities and liberal arts, and in business and technology. The university has a total enrollment of 2,150 undergraduate and 3,500 graduate students, with about 250 full-time faculty. Additional information about Stevens can be found at [www.stevens.edu](http://www.stevens.edu).

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