

**Northwest Missouri State University
Board of Regents**

Date of Meeting: July 30, 2009

Cabinet Member: Doug Dunham
Command/Battle Lab

Agenda Item: MOU with Battle

Background:

Battle Command Battle Lab's (BC/BL) mission is to examine and evaluate Army Battle Command ideas, future concepts, prototypes and evolving technology through experimentation to improve the warfighting effectiveness of commanders and staff. The MOU establishes guidelines for only continued discussions and outlines potential areas of collaboration:

- Computer science
 1. software interface/application development to support multi-touch technologies and
 2. prototyping hardware and software
- Geographic Information Systems
- Political Science
 1. interagency and government-related support in scenario development and role players

The document has been reviewed and approved by University Counsel, Mr. Scott Sullivan.

Issue:

I recommend approval.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is between Northwest Missouri State University located at Maryville, MO 64468 (“**NORTHWEST**”), and the U.S. Army’s Battle Command Battle Lab located at Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027 (**BCBL**), hereafter collectively referred to as the “Parties,” for cooperative purposes as further described below.

Preamble

WHEREAS BCBL has a mission of examining and evaluating Army Battle Command ideas, future concepts, prototypes and evolving technology through experimentation to improve the warfighting effectiveness of commanders and their staffs; and

WHEREAS BCBL in executing its mission desires to leverage the intellectual capital available at the various colleges and universities in its region; and

WHEREAS NORTHWEST is an institution of higher education with recognized expertise in a variety of academic disciplines relevant to the **BCBL** mission; and

WHEREAS NORTHWEST desires to provide its faculty and students with practical opportunities to apply and enhance their research or educational experiences; and

WHEREAS BCBL and **NORTHWEST** have concluded they have related interests that warrant a focused and deliberate cooperative effort to advance those interests to their mutual benefit;

NOW THEREFORE BCBL and **NORTHWEST** agree as follows:

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement is to:
 - Open effective channels of official communication that will foster linkages and collaboration between various elements of the two institutions;
 - Establish institutional commitment and continuity;
 - Provide access to their respective capabilities and strengths; and
 - Expand each institution’s capacity to serve the nation and the broader world community.
2. Subject Areas of Interest. The Parties’ interests initially will be focused on the following broad subject areas:
 - Computer Science and Information Systems
 - Nanotechnology
 - Geographic Information Systems
 - Crisis Response Management
 - Behavioral Science
 - Political Science

The Parties further agree, however, that this list is not exclusive and may be later expanded or revised as appropriate in accordance with the purposes of this MOU.

3. Activities to be Undertaken. Consistent with the purposes of this MOU, the Parties will explore undertaking the following activities:
 - Faculty and student exchanges, including role-playing in BCBL exercises
 - Conferences, seminars and speaker series

- Curricular development
- Applied research
- Directed projects

The Parties further agree, however, that this list is not exclusive and may be later expanded or revised as appropriate in accordance with the purposes of this MOU.

4. General Provisions:

a. Points of Contact: The point of contact for each Party is as follows:

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These points of contact will schedule periodic meetings, either through video teleconferencing or at one institution's location, for purposes of maintaining the momentum behind this initiative and refining the terms and conditions of specific initiatives. However, this designation does not preclude direct coordination between personnel of each institution in executing those initiatives.

b. Duration and Termination: This MOU will continue until terminated. Either Party may terminate this MOU for convenience, provided that it has given the other Party at least 15 days' prior written notice of its intent to terminate. Notification by facsimile will satisfy the written notice requirement. Termination shall be without penalty to any Party, unless otherwise provided by a separate agreement related to any activity then being performed by one Party at the request of the other.

c. Miscellaneous:

(1). This MOU may be executed in any number of counterparts, and by any Party on separate counterparts, each of which as so executed and delivered shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

(2). This MOU embodies the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties hereto in respect of the undertakings contemplated hereby, supersedes all prior agreements and understandings among the Parties with respect thereto, and may be amended, modified or supplemented only by a written instrument executed by all of the Parties hereto.

(3). Each Party shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its employees in fulfilling the terms of this MOU.

(4).This MOU is effective as of the last date of the signatures contained below.

FOR NORTHWEST:

FOR Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth:

Douglas N. Dunham
Interim Provost

Dale A. Ormond
Deputy to the Commanding General

Date: _____

Date: _____