UT's Heath Naquin Joins NCOIC Advisory Council

WASHINGTON—August 18, 2015—The Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium today announced that Heath Naquin of the University of Texas at Austin has become a member of the NCOIC Advisory Council.

Naquin is executive director in the UT Office of the Vice President for Research and manages the National Science Foundation Southwest Innovation Corps Node, an organization of more than 36 institutions focused on advancing commercial outcomes from research across sectors. He also serves as managing director of the multi-university Center for Next Generation Photovoltaics, principal investigator for the US Department of State Global Innovation in Science and Technology program, and on the faculty of Concordia University's Executive MBA program.

On the NCOIC Advisory Council, Naquin will work with leaders from the private and public sectors to address complex interoperability issues that affect global interdependence.

The consortium is an international not-for-profit corporation with more than 50 member-companies, affiliates and senior advisors representing 12 countries, including Fortune 500 firms, government agencies, universities, standards organizations and multi-national bodies such as NATO and the European Union. Together, they focus on advancing interoperable networks within and across domains and national borders.

"It is an honor to join the NCOIC Advisory Council as an active participant from academia. The work NCOIC is doing globally to address unstructured problems in interoperability across business, governments and research is a noble and important mission," said Naquin, who is also involved in variety of international commercialization and country-building efforts.

Naquin has worked in more than 20 countries on international commercialization and entrepreneurship initiatives and was a founding member of three different start-up business initiatives across sectors. He has helped companies raise more than $30 million in funding from private and government sources. Naquin has also lectured on a variety of Department of Defense-related initiatives involving energy, cybersecurity and the development of human capital assets.

"Heath Naquin is a thought leader in commercializing technology and applying the results from academic research to help communities throughout the world. His experience linking diverse

groups in collaborative projects brings great value and is fundamental to the NCOIC core values," said Harry Raduege, NCOIC chief executive officer.

Since it was founded in 2004, NCOIC has built a range of technical tools and resources for creating interoperable solutions valued at $100 million. It has also assisted customers — including the NATO Communication and Information Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and Royal Australian Air Force — in improving their net-centric environments. In addition to creating technical resources, NCOIC experts focus on helping industry create interoperable products as well as assisting organizations in evaluating products and services, and recommending strategies to ensure the systems they acquire will continue to be effective over the long term.

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