Dear Readers, I need your help.

At Norwich University, we are developing a new program and we need your input to make it a success. Last summer Norwich University launched a 100% on-line MBA program that has quickly become a success and resource; the program provides participants from around the world with a valuable master’s degree in a structured 18 month sequence that is tailored to fit the busy schedules of today’s professional.

I have been named program director for the new MSIA -- the Master of Science degree in Information Assurance -- that will follow the model of the MBIA. My colleagues and I need your help in providing answers to a brief market survey about your interest in such a program for yourself or for your employees. When you go to <http://msia.nucdc.org/survey> you will find a description of the program and a survey form that should take about 10 minutes to fill out. Your contribution to our efforts will go a long way towards helping us and our University colleagues to establish the viability of this program.

While I'm on the subject of graduate degrees in security, I should mention that my overview of information security resources for educators at <http://www.mekabay.com/overviews/infosec_ed.htm> has a list of academic institutions in the US, Canada and elsewhere that offer BSc, MSc and PhD programs in information security. If there are academics or graduates who notice that their institutions and programs are not listed there, I'd appreciate notification and a URL so that I can update the list.

In any case, many of you have written very nice notes to me over these last two years telling me that you enjoy this series of short articles. If you feel like expressing your feelings about this column, you will do me a great deal of good simply by filling out the MSIA survey. In addition, I welcome communications about the program and will forward your requests for notification of the formal start of recruitment to the appropriate people at the University.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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