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The University of Dayton Center for Competitive Change is part of a \$90 million contract to help the U.S. Air Force work smarter, not harder.

As part of a 12-team contract led by California-based SI Systems Technologies (SIST), the center will work with the Air Force to trim extra processes and costs in the areas of housing, dining, facilities, accounting and human resources.

"The goal for the center, and for the SIST Netcents team, is to help the Air Force to continually show a 10 percent improvement," said center Director Paul Piechota. "Ten percent on a multi-trillion dollar account is huge."

Some of the problems the University of Dayton team will address are process setup and examination in the technologies supporting the supply chain and redundancies in computer and management systems. Piechota intends for students in STEM disciplines to be part of the team for hands-on learning opportunities.

"They have 19 different this and 18 different that," Piechota. "For example, a lot of money is being spent in licensing more than 200 different systems."

Located in the University of Dayton's School of Engineering, the Center for Competitive Change has worked with more than 5,000 of the country's top regional and global organizations.

"The center has helped clients save millions of dollars by delivering performance-based learning solutions, especially in the areas of lean-sigma," School of Engineering Dean Tony Saliba. "I am confident the center will be an important member of this team and will help the Air Force be more efficient in its processes."

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