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DoD & DNI Chief Information Officers Establish a Shared Vision for a Joint Services-Based Environment to Enable Information Sharing

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration and DoD Chief Information Officer John G. Grimes and retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Dale Meyerrose, Associate Director of National Intelligence and Chief Information Officer for the Director of National Intelligence, signed a memorandum of agreement today for a joint vision which enables improved interoperability and seamless information sharing between the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community.

The joint agreement seeks to create a services-based information environment and to reinforce DoD and DNI collaboration towards implementing business and information services and service-oriented architecture. This environment, which leverages commercial practices, offers functionality as 'services' rather than stand-alone applications and is based on building capabilities using standard web technologies.

"We work closely with Dale Meyerrose, my counterpart in the DNI, to ensure that DoD and the national Intelligence Community are pursuing complementary strategies to achieve information sharing," said Grimes. "The strategies communicate our vision of how to best achieve effective, efficient, and agile information sharing between DoD and the IC."

Developed through the combined efforts of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the shared vision is to establish an information services-based environment that is:

- Supported by a mandatory and common foundation based upon DoD CIO/DNI CIO jointly-developed standards, rules, and interoperable secure infrastructure services. This foundation will be governed by a joint board co-chaired by the DoD CIO and the DNI CIO;
- Populated with secure mission and business services. These will be provided and used by functions and organizations from across the DoD and IC and based on applicable enterprise architectures;
- Managed to ensure operational visibility and situational awareness of the information environment for users throughout the DoD and IC.

To achieve this shared vision, the DoD-DNI agreement outlines the shared goals adopted by the DoD and the IC to ensure the envisioned services-based environment is achieved. These goals include: (1) provide services—rather than developing stand alone applications; (2) use services—rather than creating duplicative capabilities; (3) govern the environment; and (4) manage the environment. These goals are further explained in the context of the DoD and the IC in their respective services strategies. Each strategy articulates the same vision and goals to ensure unity of purpose but each is grounded in the terminology and the required level of detail for the respective organization. The service oriented vision and strategies will be shared with other government agencies to enhance the information sharing environment.

The jointly signed memorandum and DoD Net-Centric Services Strategy can be found online at:
<http://www.defenselink.mil/cio-nii/entservices/>.

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