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SUBJECT: Global Information Grid Enterprise Services (GIG ES): Transforming to a
Net-Centric Environment--President's Budget FY 2006 - 2011

The DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO) mission supports the Secretary's transformation goals by advancing net-centric operations through policies, program oversight, and resource allocations. Following guidance set forth in the Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum "Global Information Grid Enterprise Services: Core Enterprise Services Implementation," dated November 10, 2003, this memorandum describes the OASD(NII)/CIO process for assessing a program's transition to a net-centric environment. This process will support the formulation of the President's Budget FY 2006-2011. It will also focus on helping Components and program managers incorporate net-centric attributes, implement the DoD Data and Information Assurance Strategies, align programs with the Joint Technical Architecture (JTA) and the Net-Centric Operations Warfare Reference Model, establish priorities and design transition plans in line with GIG Enterprise Services within their respective programs. A quick reference list of net-centric attributes, to include their metrics and source material, is provided as Attachment 1. As part of this assessment, for specific programs and initiatives listed in Attachment 2, the program manager or Component lead, in coordination with the Component head, Chief Information Officer, and where applicable, designated Domain Leads, are requested to complete the Net-Centric Assessment located in the Document Archive of <http://www.dod.mil/nii/> by August 16, 2004 (Attachment 3).



Based on the need of programs and initiatives to support the warfighter and advance the net-centric goals of the Department, my Office recently completed a series of net-centric program assessments. These assessments were designed to emphasize adherence to the design tenets and system engineering aspects of programs and initiatives as outlined in the ASD(NII)/CIO Net-Centric Checklist (Attachment 4 and available at <http://www.dod.mil/nii/>.) During these assessments we asked the program manager and systems engineer to demonstrate compliance with net-centric guidelines. Their responses provided OSD and other senior officials with a better understanding of each program's technical approach and capabilities. Conversely, I believe that program managers and staff developed a fuller appreciation of the operational, design and technical requirements for supporting the Department's net-centric vision.

Upon receipt of the completed Net-Centric Assessments, a team of subject matter experts and stakeholders will gauge the progress of programs and initiatives as they relate to the goals of the Joint Technical Architecture, Net-Centric Data Strategy, Information Assurance Strategy, Net-Centric Check List, and Net Centric Operations and Warfare (NCOW) Reference Model. It will recommend courses of actions, as appropriate, for each of the programs. Feedback on recommendations will be provided to the program managers, and we will use the assessments and recommendations within acquisition and other processes to ensure that each program's transition to net-centricity is explored and explained.

This effort will be instrumental in effecting a smooth transition of programs and initiatives to net-centric operations and in embracing the use of GIG Enterprise Services. Its findings and recommendations will be used to support the FY06-11 program and budget review process to facilitate corporate agreement on issues and priorities. We look forward to your continued support as the Department continues its transformation, and thank you in advance for your participation in this important undertaking. Please direct any questions to Susan E. Shekmar at Susan.Shekmar@osd.mil and Patty Hopkins at Patty.Hopkins@osd.mil.



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Attachments
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