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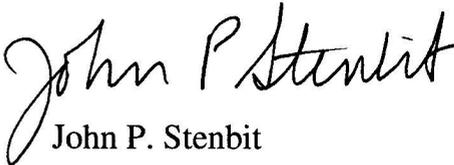
SUBJECT: DoD Collaboration Tool Interoperability Standards

This memorandum updates my November 1, 2002, guidance on DoD Collaboration Interoperability Standards. Collaboration products with Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC) certification may continue to operate on the SIPRNET in the certified configuration. All DoD components shall either upgrade their collaboration products in use on the SIPRNET to the JITC certified configurations or obtain an interim approval to operate by March 30, 2004. DoD components using non-JITC certified collaboration configurations on the SIPRNET shall (1) encourage their vendor to apply for testing and (2) obtain interim approval to use the non-certified collaboration products. Requests for interim approvals should be submitted either to the Military Communications Electronics Board Interoperability Test Panel - POC is (703) 695-4993, or the Global Information Grid Waiver Panel - POC is (703) 607-0466, Except as authorized by this memorandum, non-compliant collaboration products are not authorized on the SIPRNET.

Interoperability remains the key to DoD's collaboration strategy with the goal of providing the user community a range of open industry standards-based tools that can interoperate securely. Currently, DoD standards for secure NIPRNET collaboration tools do not exist.



The Office of the Deputy CIO will monitor compliance with this memorandum and recommend further actions as necessary. My POC is (703) 602-0932.


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