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September 30, 2011

FOR: ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT  
AND ACQUISITION)

FROM: ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations

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SUBJECT: Information Technology Procurement Approval and Oversight Authority

- Mr. Secretary, in response to TAB A, request you sign TAB B, designating the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) as the Navy's single Information Technology (IT) procurement approval and oversight authority for Command and Control, Information and IT. This action is designed to gain visibility and ultimately achieve strategic sourcing on all IT procurement.
- SPAWAR's selection is consistent with its role as the IT Technical Authority.
- Procurement approval and oversight will be for all non-weapon system related IT over 500k. For all non-weapon system related IT under 500k, procurement approval and oversight will reside at the echelon II command level. This guidance will be promulgated in a follow-on Naval message.
- This designation has been coordinated extensively with SPAWAR and reviewed by your staff and ASN (FM&C) staff.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign TAB B.

COORDINATION: TAB C

ATTACHMENTS:

As stated

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JOINT LETTER

From: Chief of Naval Operations  
Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development  
and Acquisition)

Subj: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PROCUREMENT APPROVAL AND  
OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5400.15C  
(b) 40 U.S.C. 11101  
(c) 40 U.S.C. 11103

1. Effective 1 October 2011, the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) will serve as the Navy's single Information Technology (IT) procurement approval and oversight authority for Command and Control, Information, and IT.

2. The purpose of this effort is to gain visibility and ultimately achieve strategic sourcing on all IT procurement. Additionally, this effort will provide a single enterprise-wide approval process for attaining a consistent, repeatable, automated capability for IT procurement transparency, cost containment, and IT efficiency reductions. SPAWAR's selection is consistent with their role as the IT Technical Authority, per reference (a).

3. Procurement approval and oversight will be for all non-weapon system related IT as defined in reference (b) and includes national security systems, as defined in reference (c). This includes all Navy Programs of Record which have IT imbedded within them. The Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N2/N6) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition will issue additional guidance and direction to support this initiative.

  
The Honorable Sean J. Stackley  
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