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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (RESEARCH,
DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION)
DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS FOR INFORMATION
WARFARE
DIRECTOR, COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS AND
COMPUTERS (C4)

SUBJECT: Ensuring Efficiencies in Spectrum Supportability Software Source Code
Development

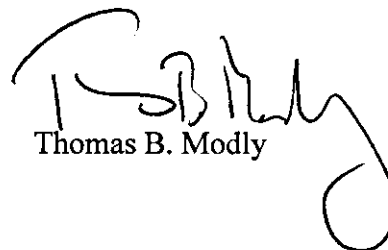
Reference: (a) OMB M-16-21, Federal Source Code Policy: Achieving Efficiency,
Transparency, and Innovation through Reusable and Open Source Software,
8 August 2016

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish Department of the Navy (DON) policy that government-funded custom source code developed for spectrum supportability programs shall be made available for reuse by other Federal agencies to the maximum extent practicable. Per reference (a), "reuse of custom-developed code across the Federal Government can have significant benefits for American taxpayers, including decreasing duplicative costs for the same code."

Reference (a) cites criteria to be applied in determining if source code can be shared. When requested by a member of the Federal spectrum community, source code that meets the sharing criteria shall be made available by the developing organization. For those organizations desiring to more broadly share their source code, reference (a) provides information about Code.gov (<https://www.code.gov>), a discoverability portal for custom-developed code intended for government-wide reuse.

Sharing source code with other Federal agencies will, at a minimum, achieve the cost and labor efficiencies sought by reference (a) and demonstrate our commitment to good stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

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