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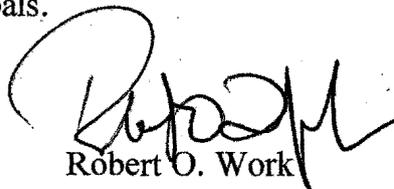
SUBJECT: Department of the Navy (DON) Secretariat Information Technology
Expenditure Approval Authority (ITEAA)

References: (a) UNSECNAV memo of December 3, 2010, Subj: Department of the
Navy (DON) Information Technology (IT)/Cyberspace Efficiency
Initiatives and Realignment
(b) SECNAVINST 5430.7Q

As noted in reference (a), Secretary Mabus and I believe there are significant opportunities for gains in operational effectiveness and resource efficiency within the Department through centralization and consolidation in many of our information technology (IT) efforts. Action is underway to effect centralized review and approval of IT expenditures to promote efficiency in the Navy and Marine Corps, and similar action is required in the Secretariat. Therefore, as the Department of the Navy (DON) IT/Cyberspace Efficiency Lead and the Department's senior leader and authority on Information Management/Information Technology and Information Resources Management (per reference (b)), you will assume duties as Information Technology Expenditure Approval Authority (ITEAA) for the Secretariat.

No resource planning, programming or budgeting actions shall be initiated by any organization within the DON Secretariat for an IT expenditure with a projected lifecycle cost totaling one hundred thousand dollars or more unless that expenditure has been approved by the DON Chief Information Officer (CIO). Likewise, DON CIO must approve any IT software, hardware, or service expenditures of one hundred thousand dollars or more.

Creating IT efficiencies without sacrificing operational effectiveness will be a tough challenge, but we cannot afford to fail. Establishing an IT Expenditure Approval Authority for the DON Secretariat to ensure the efficiency of our IT efforts is an important step toward achieving our goals.


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