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DISA Net-Centric Enterprise Services Reaches Critical Milestone

ARLINGTON, Va., June 19, 2008-- An important benchmark in Department of Defense information sharing was reached today when the Net-Centric Enterprise Services (NCES) program successfully achieved a critical acquisition milestone, Milestone C. In the Acquisition Decision Memorandum dated June 13, 2008, the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) was granted the authority to enter the production and deployment phase of Increment One of the NCES program.

"The capabilities enabling information sharing provided by the NCES program are central to allowing our warfighters and those who support them to better share information for mission success," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Charles E. Croom, Jr., DISA director. "I'm proud of our DISA professionals who made this happen."

NCES allows users to get more information, more quickly, and with a smaller footprint. It provides collaboration in real-time voice, text, and video sessions, provides the whole organization access to shared/stored data, and uses an efficient service-oriented architecture (SOA). This allows NCES services such as security applications to be distributed over a network and then combined and reused to create business applications that communicate and coordinate efficiently with each other. This has great potential in solving difficult, expensive and time-consuming problems in military command, control and planning.

"Milestone C is a key step forward in the Defense Department's strategy to deliver core information-sharing services on the Department's networks not unlike those available on the Internet" explained Denise Gentile, NCES program manager.

The milestone decision was based on NCES successfully achieving all required criteria, including early user testing and evaluation, as well as successful operational assessment of managed service providers.

"NCES is already enabling warfighters, defense intelligence professionals, and department business organizations to effectively realize and employ the power of information sharing to support national objectives," Gentile said. "Reaching Milestone C allows DISA to expand NCES offerings even more."

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