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SUBJECT: Department of Defense (DoD) and Intelligence Community (IC)  
Commitment to Converge Authorization and Attribute Services Initiatives

There is a compelling need for DOD and IC to deliver an agile, interoperable, and trusted access control capability to enable net-centric information sharing across organizational boundaries. The attached Strategic Letter of Intent describes the DOD and IC commitment to merge their separate authorization and attribute services initiatives into a single joint, collaborative Authorization and Attribute Services Tiger Team (AATT). The AATT will develop specifications for advancing authorization and attribute services to facilitate net-centric information sharing in the Unclassified, Secret, and Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information environments.

  
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Attachment:  
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**STRATEGIC LETTER OF INTENT  
BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER  
AND THE  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND CHIEF  
INFORMATION OFFICER**

This letter establishes our strategy for converging Department of Defense (DOD) and Intelligence Community (IC) initiatives to develop compatible authorization and attribute services for the Single Information Environment (SIE) and the Global Information Grid (GIG). Authorization and attribute services play a defining role in implementing Executive Order 13388 and achieving the strategic goal of agile information sharing. Furthermore, the DOD and IC will, where practical, deploy compatible authorization and attribute services to ease user training and access management, and to enable the reuse of applications and services. As applicable, these services will be accessible to other interagency information sharing initiatives.

In support of the Integrated Capabilities Attribute-Based Access and Discovery (ICABAAD) Program, Joint Enterprise Directory Services (JEDS), and Net-Centric Enterprise Services (NCES), this Strategic Letter of Intent establishes guidelines for a joint DOD and IC Authorization and Attribute Services Tiger Team (AATT) to develop specifications for implementation in the Unclassified, Secret, and Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information environment. The AATT will recommend to the IC Information Sharing Steering Committee (ISSC) and the DOD Senior Steering Governance Group (SESGG) specifications for advancing authorization and attribute services to facilitate agile information sharing and will leverage and extend approaches to authorization and attribute services currently deployed by individual agencies and programs of record throughout the IC and DOD. The AATT will define common specifications and interfaces, thereby enabling the DOD and IC to seamlessly replicate and/or share applications and services. At a minimum, the AATT will undertake the following:

- Collect and share current authorization and attribute services, issues, lessons learned, threats, and best practices.
- Recommend to the ISSC and SESGG the implementation strategy and concept of operations (CONOPS) for authorization and attribute services.
- Deliver status, CONOPS, recommendations, and products to the Associate Director of National Intelligence and Chief Information Officer (ADNI&CIO), Department of Defense Chief Information Officer (DOD CIO), and ISSC.
- Define compatible DOD-IC interface specifications for enterprise-wide authorization and attribute services.

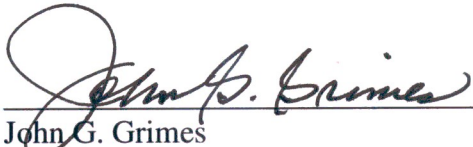
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- Establish the basic and expanded sets of enterprise authorization attributes.
- Ensure that services and agencies identify authoritative sources for enterprise attributes.
- Provide technical expertise for DOD-IC pilot projects and exercises.

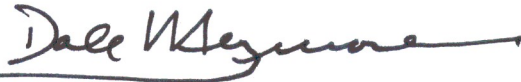
The ISSC shall engage the counterintelligence, cover, and security communities to address their respective equities with regard to policy or implementation recommendations made by the AATT.

The ADNI&CIO and DOD CIO will each appoint a co-chair to represent their respective communities and will be responsible for budget and Program Objective Memorandum (POM) submissions for performing joint responsibilities under this Strategic Letter of Intent. AATT participants will perform the tasks and responsibilities specified in this letter on a non-reimbursable basis.

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