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**MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS**

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**SUBJECT:**

AB 07-04: Common Security Configurations

**Purpose:** The purpose of this AB is to provide mandatory solicitation language to support enhanced cyber security for all new information technology acquisitions (products or services) involving Windows XP™ and Vista™.

**Effective Date:** This AB is effective immediately.

**Expiration Date:** This AB will expire when cancelled or superseded.

**Background:** On March 22, 2007, OMB issued memorandum M-07-11, "Implementation of Commonly Accepted Security Configurations for Windows Operating Systems," which directed federal agencies to adopt the security configurations for Windows XP™ and Vista™ operating systems developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Full implementation requires newly acquired information technology products or services to operate effectively using these security configurations, when an agency chooses to use Windows XP™ or Vista™ operating systems.

**Action Required:** Bureau Chief Procurement Officers shall ensure that all new acquisitions that 1) include Windows XP™ or Vista™ or 2) will use either of those operating systems, include the following requirements:

"a) The provider of information technology shall certify applications are fully functional and operate correctly as intended on systems using the Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC). This includes Internet Explorer 7 configured to operate on Windows XP™ and Vista™ (in Protected Mode on Vista™). For the Windows XP™

settings, see: [http://csrc.nist.gov/itsec/guidance\\_WinXP.html](http://csrc.nist.gov/itsec/guidance_WinXP.html), and for the Windows Vista™ settings, see: [http://csrc.nist.gov/itsec/guidance\\_vista.html](http://csrc.nist.gov/itsec/guidance_vista.html).

b) The standard installation, operation, maintenance, update, and/or patching of software shall not alter the configuration settings from the approved FDCC configuration. The information technology should also use the Windows Installer Service for installation to the default “program files” directory and should be able to silently install and uninstall.

c) Applications designed for normal end users shall run in the standard user context without elevated system administration privileges."

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#### Attachments (2)

OMB memorandum M-07-18, dated June 1, 2007, “Ensuring New Acquisitions Include Common Security Configurations”



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OMB memorandum M-07-11, dated March 22, 2007, “Implementation of Commonly Accepted Security Configurations for Windows Operating Systems.”



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