

September 13, 2010

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SUBJECT:

SECURITY ACCREDITATION:  
QWEST MANAGED TRUSTED INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICE  
(MTIPS) (ATO):

A security certification review of the QWEST (MTIPS) system, and its system-level components modules, located at Arlington, VA; Sterling, VA; Minneapolis, MN; Chicago, IL; Columbia, MD and San Diego, CA; was conducted in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130, Appendix III, Security of Federal Automated Information Resources; and the GSA Certification and Accreditation Program. My staff reviewed the results of the security certification and the supporting evidence provided in the certification package.

Based on the information provided in the security certification package, I have determined the confirmed weakness/vulnerabilities identified in the QWEST (MTIPS) system, and the system-level components; along with the plans for resolving the weaknesses result in a residual risk to the operations and assets of this agency that is fully acceptable. Accordingly, I am issuing an Authorization to Operate (ATO) for the QWEST (MTIPS) system, and its system-level constituent modules in their existing configuration and operating environment with following limitations:

This accreditation of the QWEST MTIPS system is contingent on the completion of the items per the dates outlined in the updated Plan of Action & Milestones (POA&M), and continued application of the security controls in place. Furthermore, this ATO covers only the QWEST MTIPS components exclusively within the configuration management control of QWEST. Therefore, any components or services provided by QWEST as part of the MTIPS service, and configured by subscribing agencies for their use or by QWEST for the agencies' use are not included in this ATO and will be the responsibility of the respective agencies to certify and accredit as part of their network environment.

In addition, a Penetration Test was not conducted as part of the certification activities; therefore it is advised that subscribing agencies using the QWEST MTIPS service conduct a Penetration Test of this extension of their network environment, in accordance with their respective Information Security policies.

The accreditation is valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of this memorandum unless a significant change occurs to the System which will require it to be re-accredited. It is the responsibility of the System Program Managers to ensure that any significant changes in the system's configuration (i.e., hardware, software, and/or firmware), or the system's operating environment are analyzed to determine the impact on system security and that appropriate action is taken to maintain a level of security consistent with the requirements of this accreditation.

The QWEST (MTIPS) Information Security Officer (ISSO) shall retain a copy of this accreditation memorandum with all supporting documentation as a permanent record.

Approved by:



ANTHONY C. KONKWO  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY MANAGER  
FEDERAL ACQUISITION SERVICE

9/13/2010  
DATE

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GSA Senior Agency Information Security Official (SAISO)

Security Accreditation Decision Letter (Authorization to Operate)

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SUBJECT: SECURITY CERTIFICATION: QWEST MANAGED TRUSTED  
INTERNET PROTOCOL SYSTEM (MTIPS) (ATO):

A security certification of the QWEST Managed Trusted Internet Protocol System (MTIPS), and its system-level components modules, located at Arlington, VA; Sterling, VA; Minneapolis, MN; Chicago, IL; Columbia, MD and San Diego, CA; was conducted in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130, Appendix III, Security of Federal Automated Information Resources; and the GSA Certification and Accreditation Program.

The attached security certification package transmits the following items: (i) the current Security Assessment Report conducted on the QWEST (MTIPS) System, (ii) The QWEST (MTIPS) System Security Plan, and (iii) the current Plan of Actions & Milestones (POA&M), (iv) Contingency Plan, (v) Contingency Plan Test Report, (vi) Business Impact Analysis, (vii) Privacy Impact Analysis, and (viii) System Rules of Behavior.

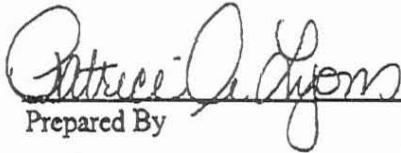
The security controls listed in the Security Plan for the QWEST MTIPS have been assessed using the verification techniques and verification procedures described in the Security Assessment Report. Based on the results of the Security Assessment activities, the actual vulnerabilities within the QWEST MTIPS have been identified and a list of recommended corrective actions prepared. In addition, only the MTIPS components exclusively within the configuration management control of QWEST were included in the QWEST MTIPS C&A boundary. Therefore, any components or services provided by QWEST as part of the MTIPS service, and configured by subscribing agencies for their use or by QWEST for the agencies' use are not part of this C&A boundary and will be the responsibility of the respective agencies to certify and accredit as part of their network environment.

The enclosed POA&M describes the corrective measures that have been implemented or are planned, to mitigate the risks associated with the identified vulnerabilities on each component of the QWEST Managed Trusted Internet Protocol System (MTIPS).

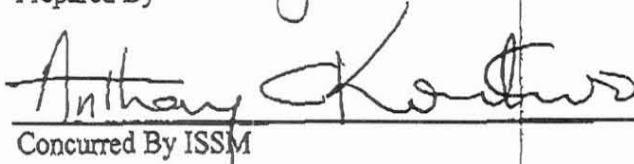
Furthermore, a Penetration Test was not conducted as part of the QWEST MTIPS certification activities; hence it is advised that subscribing agencies using the QWEST MTIPS service conduct a Penetration Test of this extension of their network environment, in accordance with their respective Information Security policies.

The enclosed POA&M describes the corrective measures that have been implemented or are planned, to mitigate the risks associated with the identified vulnerabilities on each component of QWEST MTIPS.

Based on both the existing security configuration and the steps taken thus far in the POA&M, I can certify that the QWEST MTIPS is currently operating at an acceptable level of risk to the organization.



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