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MEMORANDUM FOR CIO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

SUBJECT: Identity Management Senior Coordinating Group (IMSCG)

- References:
- (a) DEPSECDEF memorandum, "Smart Card Adoption and Implementation," November 10, 1999
 - (b) Public Law 113-10
 - (c) DoD Directive 8190.3
 - (d) DEPSECDEF memorandum, "Executive Agent for the DoD Biometric Project," December 27, 2000
 - (e) Public Law 106-246, July 13, 2000
 - (f) ASD(C3I) memorandum, "Biometrics as an Information Assurance (IA) Enabler," January 19, 2001
 - (g) ASD(C3I) memorandum, "DoD Strategic Plan for Biometrics," June 28, 2002
 - (h) DoD CIO memorandum, "Governing Charter from the DoD Biometric Senior Coordinating Group (BSCG)," March 7, 2003
 - (i) OMB, Administrator for the Office of E Gov & IT, "Streamlining Authentication and Identity Management within the Federal Government," July 3, 2003

Since 1999, the Department of Defense has aggressively pursued technology improvements in the manner in which our people and business partners authenticate to physical and virtual spaces. We have established three distinct technology-based initiatives (the Common Access Card (CAC), Public Key Infrastructure (PKI), and biometrics). The Department has led the federal government in the development and deployment of all three initiatives. It has become apparent that these vital efforts are inextricably linked by our ability to manage and protect an individual's identity from the beginning to the end of their relationship with the Department. In addition, to meet our vision of net-centricity, identities for all entities (e.g., devices and applications) must also be established and managed appropriately. Accordingly, the time has come to change our approach to better manage and oversee these synergistic initiatives as one coordinated venture across one Departmental community.

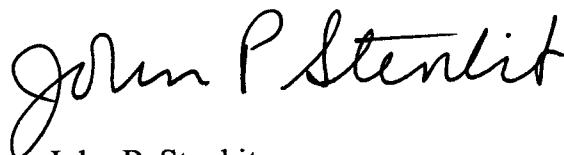


Today, the Smart Card Senior Coordinating Group (SCSCG), PKI Senior Steering Committee (PKI SSC), and Biometric Senior Coordinating Group (BSCG) bodies meet regularly to provide senior oversight to each separate initiative. To promote our belief in the need to globally oversee identity within the Department and consolidate efforts, I hereby establish the Identity Management Senior Coordinating Group (IMSCG). This body shall combine all of the senior oversight, coordination, and activities of the Department's biometric, smart card, and PKI efforts. It shall pattern its operating guidelines after the SCSCG and make recommendations directly to the DoD CIO.

The IMSCG shall consist of representatives (Flag/SES) of each of the Armed Forces, affected Principal Staff Assistants (PSA) with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), and DoD Components. It shall be a cohesive DoD-wide policy, requirements, strategy, and oversight group for managing the physical and virtual identities of all our personnel, support contractors, business partners and other entities consistent with the Global Information Grid Architecture. Additionally, the IMSCG shall focus on Department-wide interoperability standards, performance matrices, and ways to exploit identity management tools as means for enhancing readiness, business processes, and security, while also being cognizant of protecting entities' identifiable information.

The group will receive technical and executive secretariat support from the DoD Biometric Management Office (BMO); DoD Access Card Office (ACO); and DoD PKI Program Management Office (PMO) for their respective focus areas. All other applicable senior groups shall be disestablished. However, existing sub-groups and working groups of the PKI SSC, SCSCG and BSCG must continue to operate and report to the ACO, BMO and PKI PMO as appropriate.

Based on the tremendous success and statutory requirement associated with the SCSCG, I have asked the Department of the Navy Chief Information Officer (DON CIO) to serve as chairperson of the IMSCG. I recognize and appreciate the efforts to date and solicit your support and cooperation in transforming the manner in which we view and manage identities within the Department.



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