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Subject: Designation of the Defense Information Systems Agency as the Department of Defense Enterprise Cloud Service Broker

Cloud Computing and cloud services offer unprecedented opportunities for cost savings, enhanced information sharing and mission effectiveness. However, the Department of Defense's mission assurance and information interoperability must be maintained as we take advantage of these emerging new capabilities. The key to successfully leveraging cloud computing will be managing the new risks associated with an increasing dependence on rapidly emerging commercial technologies.

This memorandum establishes Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) as the DoD Enterprise Cloud Service Broker. The National Institute of Science and Technology Cloud Computing Reference Architecture define the role of a cloud broker in managing the use, performance and delivery of cloud services and in negotiating relationships between cloud providers and cloud consumers. For the Department, an Enterprise Cloud Broker will enable the Department to best leverage cloud services to increase secure information sharing and collaboration, enhance mission effectiveness, and decrease costs.

As the DoD Enterprise Cloud Service Broker, DISA is tasked with making it easier, safer, and more productive to navigate, integrate, consume, extend and maintain cloud services, within the Department, from other Federal, and commercial cloud service providers. The broker provides an organizational focus point to consolidate cloud service demand at an enterprise level, and negotiate for the best service usage rates across the DoD. The broker will enable DoD Components to tailor the availability and delivery of cloud services based on technical and mission requirements.

In addition to Department provided cloud services, DISA will enable DoD Components to use commercial cloud services that meet the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program low and moderate control levels, and make them available to other DoD Components through standardized contracts and leveraged authorization packages. The broker will ensure compliance with Department Information Assurance (IA) and Cybersecurity policies to include the on-going secure configuration, continuity, resiliency, and operations of these externally provided services, and help integrate commercial computer network defense operations with United States Cyber Command defense operations. Moreover, the broker will enable the Department to effectively execute its IA responsibilities and maintain interoperability with other DoD systems and services.

The designation of DISA as the DoD Enterprise Cloud Service Broker is intended to promote use of cloud computing services generally available within the private sector that provide a better capability at a lower cost with the same or greater degree of security as government-provided services. DoD Components must acquire cloud services by using the broker or obtain a waiver from the DoD CIO designated review authority.

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