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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Moratorium on Fielding of Network Operations (NetOps) Tools to Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs)

1. References:

a. Memorandum, Secretary of the Army, 9 Sep 11, subject: Information Technology (IT) Management Reforms.

b. Memorandum, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army (VCSA), 28 Dec 09, subject: Achieving Army Network and Battle Command Modernization Objectives.

c. Common Operating Environment (COE) Architecture, Appendix C to Guidance for 'End State' Army Enterprise Network Architecture, 1 Oct 10.

d. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 8410.02, NetOps for the Global Information Grid (GIG), 19 Dec 08.

e. DoDI 5000.02, Operation of the Defense Acquisition System, 8 Dec 08.

f. Memorandum, Chief Information Officer/G-6 (CIO/G-6) and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics & Technology (ASA(ALT)), 4 May 09, subject: Use of Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) as the Primary Source for Procuring Commercial IT Hardware and Software.

2. Purpose. In accordance with VCSA direction, this memorandum establishes policy for the management of NetOps tools, beyond the current on-hand capability, used to support Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs).

3. Background:

a. The Secretary of the Army directed the CIO/G-6 to achieve resource efficiencies by eliminating redundant IT processes.

b. In accordance with VCSA direction, the CIO/G-6 and ASA(ALT) instituted the COE to give guidance for standards in computing environments.

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c. A recent Network Integration Evaluation (NIE) 12.1 NetOps assessment revealed that there are too many NetOps tools in the BCT toolset to effectively execute NetOps. The training burden introduced by so many tools is untenable. It is resource inefficient for the Army to purchase and sustain multiple NetOps tools with similar functions.

4. Definition. DODI 8410.02 defines NetOps as the DoD-wide operational, organization, and technical capabilities for operating and defending the GIG. NetOps tools provide GIG Enterprise Management, GIG Network Defense, and GIG Content Management.

5. Policy:

a. Moratorium. Army organizations will not field any NetOps tools to the BCTs or their Direct Reporting Units, unless approved through the configuration control process defined below.

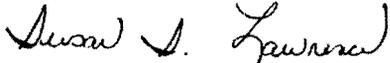
(1) Configuration control. NetOps tools are subject to NIE evaluation. The G-3/5/7 LandWarNet/Battle Command (LWN/BC) Directorate is the validation authority for the introduction of NetOps tools into BCTs, in accordance with Reference (b).

(2) Applicability. This policy applies to all NetOps tools being fielded to BCTs for S-6 control, unless part of the current on-hand capability of the BCT or past acquisition Milestone C as of the date of establishment of this policy. This includes Programs of Record and commercial-off-the-shelf equipment.

b. Compliance. Enforcement of this policy will begin on the date of signature by the CIO/G-6. This policy will be reviewed for update by 30 Sep 14.

c. Intended effect. This policy contributes to the goal of simplified automated assessment of the network for Signal Soldiers to support decision-making.

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