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SUBJECT: Technical Soundness Approval of XML Data Encoding
Specification for Information Resource Metadata, Version 7

REFERENCES:

- A. Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) 500, *DNI Chief Information Officer*
- B. Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) 501, *Discovery and Dissemination or Retrieval of Information within the IC*
- C. Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) 710, *Classification and Control Markings System*
- D. Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) 206, *Sourcing Requirements for Disseminated Analytic Products*
- E. Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) 208, *Write for Maximum Utility*
- F. Intelligence Community Policy Memorandum (ICPM) 2007-200-2, *Preparing Intelligence to Meet the Intelligence Community's "Responsibility to Provide"*

This Technical Specification supports Director of National Intelligence (DNI) policy guidance set forth in the above References which call upon the Intelligence Community Chief Information Officer (IC CIO) to establish, coordinate, and promulgate common enterprise standards, protocols, interfaces, or procedures required to support IC information sharing strategies and intelligence mission objectives established in relevant law, policy, and directives. Under this authority, version 7 of the *XML Data Encoding Specification for Information Resource Metadata* is hereby approved as an IC technical data specification and is deemed technically sound and supportive of IC mission objectives.


The Office of the IC CIO facilitates one or more IC-wide collaboration and coordination forums charged with the adoption, modification, development, and governance of IC technical data specifications of common concern. The *XML Data Encoding Specification for Information Resource Metadata* is the product of these forums.

The *XML Data Encoding Specification for Information Resource Metadata*, Version 7 (aka, IRM.XML.V7) defines detailed specifications for using Extensible Markup Language (XML) to encode information resource metadata in compliance with the Intelligence Community (IC) Abstract Data Definition. This Data Encoding Specification (DES) defines the XML elements and attributes, associated structures and relationships, mandatory and cardinality requirements, and

permissible values for representing information resource metadata concepts using XML. This DES uses the Department of Defense Discovery Metadata Specification (DDMS) as a base and builds on that base by specifying additional metadata needed to describe information resources in the IC. In some cases, this DES specifies additional constraints on the data.

The *XML Data Encoding Specification for Information Resource Metadata*, Version 7 is approved for submission to the IC Enterprise Standards Baseline (aka, the Enterprise Registry and Repository), which serves as the collection of enterprise standards against which programs will be assessed for IC enterprise architecture compliance. Specific applicability and usage guidance for this version will be provided in the baseline citation once approved. This specification will also be available at DNI-sponsored web sites and in approved repositories.

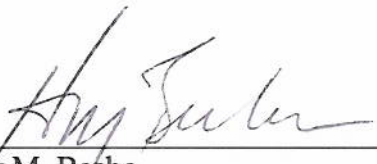
This Technical Specification becomes effective on the date of signature.



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