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**DoD CIO and DNI CIO Establish New Office to
Enhance Information Sharing Between DoD and the Intelligence Community**

The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration (NII)/ Department of Defense Chief Information Officer (CIO) Mr. John Grimes and the Associate Director of National Intelligence/CIO Mr. Dale Meyerrose signed the Unified Cross Domain Management Office Charter March 1 to enhance information sharing between the DoD and the Intelligence Community (IC).

The charter establishes a Unified Cross Domain Management Office to support DoD and the IC and puts in place agreed upon responsibilities, functions and operations for the new organization. Mr. Grimes, and Mr. Meyerrose signed the charter last week during the DoD and Director of National Intelligence C4 CIO Principles Meeting in Washington, DC.

“This charter allows the DoD and IC communities to more effectively share information between security domains – that is, to move information between networks at different clearance (classification) levels throughout the federal government,” said Mr. Bob Lentz, DoD Information Assurance Policy director.

The technologies used to connect such disparate networks are often referred to as cross domain solutions. The new Unified Cross Domain Management Office Charter codifies a common approach for the implementation of cross domain capabilities within DoD and the IC.

Located in Adelphi, Md., the new office has already begun operations. This includes providing technical guidance, requirements analysis, and expertise to address all cross domain capability needs of the combined DoD and the IC.

“The DoD and the IC have been aggressively collaborating on initiatives to improve sharing information across the networks,” said Mr. Grimes. “This requires a close working relationship between the DoD and the IC staffs for interoperability solutions and common certification and accreditation criteria for products and systems.”

“We believe that the only way we can get early solutions for sharing time sensitive information across various domains is through a unified approach and unified management organization,” he added.

According to Mr. Meyerrose, this is the only the beginning of significant collaboration between DoD and DNI.

“This is the first of many combined endeavors that ODNI and OSD are going to undertake to bring National Intelligence and Defense activities into closer alignment as we move to a more integrated, collaborative enterprise,” he said.

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