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SUBJECT: Joint Distributed Engineering Plant

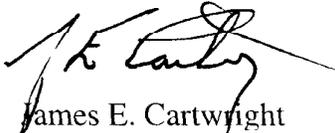
The Joint Distributed Engineering Plant (JDEP) was established in June 1999 by a memorandum from AT&L and Joint Staff/J8. JDEP stood up in October 2000, under the interim management of the Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense Organization, to begin to pull together the necessary assets across the Department to support system-of-systems integration, interoperability, and information assurance for information technology, national security systems, and weapons systems. JDEP has successfully conducted its first joint event in the theater air and missile defense arena, and is poised to expand its capability in this area, and to begin system-of-systems evaluations in other mission areas and organizations.

We believe that JDEP will shortly become the primary tool for developers, testers, and warfighters in our thrust to master network-centric warfare for both material and not-material aspects. We are now forming a JDEP Board of Directors (BOD), to be co-chaired by OUSD(AT&L)/S&TS, DOD Deputy CIO (A&I) and Joint Staff/J8. The Board also will include representatives from DOT&E, DOD Comptroller, JFCOM, Missile Defense Agency, and the Services, with DISA as the Executive Secretary. The BoD will guide the execution and further development of the JDEP program and infrastructure. We request each of the above organizations to designate its representative to the Board co-chairs.

In accordance with the FY02-07 Program Decision Memorandum signed August 22, 2000, DISA assumed daily management responsibility for JDEP on October 1, 2001. The JDEP Executive Steering Group has further defined the management structure so that DISA manages the JDEP infrastructure and network system while the application area managers will be responsible for decisions on the employment of JDEP to satisfy their testing requirements. DISA and the application area managers need to work closely and in coordination on scheduling and carrying out JDEP events and activities. DISA will report on JDEP matters to the JDEP Board of Directors. Within 30 days of this memorandum, DISA will provide a Capstone Program Description, which will include organizational roles and responsibilities, to the JDEP Board of Directors for their approval. The BOD is responsible for overall guidance of JDEP, providing long-range strategic direction to the JDEP manager, and serving as the final authority for working out issues between JDEP management and application area management. DISA, under Board

of Directors guidance, is responsible for establishing, maintaining, and expanding JDEP capabilities.

Your continued support of JDEP's further development will speed our progress toward increased combat effectiveness through joint and Multi-national interoperability.



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