



NCOIC Decade of Accomplishment Spurs Exciting Future

*Message from Tip Slater, Chief Financial Officer, to all NCOIC Members and Advisors
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As the Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium marks its 10th anniversary, I am pleased to report an increasing number of business and government leaders see the consortium as a unique and valuable resource. This is because NCOIC is able to help them implement interoperability today, in today's world.

Our experience has taught us technological solutions alone won't drive success – there are other pieces to the puzzle. NCOIC knows how to address the many regulatory, legal, business and cultural challenges that are intertwined with the technology. That's a significant benefit we offer, particularly when combined with our open and transparent environment that is legal under OMB A119 and promotes true collaboration between government and industry. NCOIC has a powerful message to send that is resonating in the public and private sectors and generating interest in our technological products and in our contract work.

I also want to share with you some of the exciting activities that are positioning the consortium for continued growth and greater influence in the next decade. NCOIC has...

- Changed our operational model to broaden industry representation, expand and diversify the Board of Directors, and further strengthen the Advisory Council
- Increased participation in the healthcare and first-responder markets, with our sights next set on energy and financial services
- Changed our membership, dues and benefits structure, adding categories for individuals and for interdisciplinary business teams – IBTs can now be formed to gain access to our experts and resources, making it easier for members to better utilize the NCOIC environment to achieve their business objectives
- Submitted three proposals to the DoD Rapid Innovation Fund to assist the U.S. Army in analyzing interoperability requirements and identifying and testing specific technologies
- Responded to a Request for Information from the General Services Administration on defining cloud computing services
- Promoted greater collaboration among our Cybersecurity, Cloud and Healthcare IPTs, which has resulted in a multi-cloud testing environment for disaster response, where companies can determine the business and technical readiness of their applications

You will hear more about this last milestone in the next couple of months as the new test-bed environment makes its debut. It represents outstanding opportunities for NCOIC to generate income, meet critical needs and further the vision for global cross-domain interoperability.

Finally, I want to encourage you to become involved with NCOIC in a technological, business or executive capacity. It's an exciting time for the consortium as we assist governments, agencies and companies around the world to define requirements, develop solutions and measure the outcomes of interoperable programs.

Thanks to all who helped build NCOIC during the first 10 years -- and to those who will accelerate our momentum during the next 10 and beyond.