Message from Harry Raduege, Chief Executive Officer,
to all NCOIC Members and Advisors
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It has been a busy six weeks since I took the baton from our founding CEO Carl O'Berry. I have had the opportunity to share my thoughts on the value of NCOIC with many business leaders and government officials, and I have been impressed with the additional detail I've learned about the daily workings of a consortium I have supported for more than a decade.

While on active duty in the Air Force, I took part in the initial discussions that led to the founding of NCOIC in 2004 and its kick-off at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. A year later, when I retired from the military and joined Deloitte, I became a member of the Consortium's Executive Committee (now the Board of Directors).

I know first-hand how much NCOIC has grown and accomplished in a relatively short period of time. I'm proud of the progress our organization has made and the "staying power" that's now more broadly recognized. Interoperability is not a fleeting concept; it is foundational to network success during this age of growing global interdependence.

The hard work of NCOIC teams has resulted in a range of proven technical resources used by businesses to develop and enhance their net-centric systems and also has contributed to groundbreaking interoperability projects for customers such as the NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCIA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). And as our Consortium entered its second decade, we began to broaden industry representation and increased our activities in cybersecurity, cloud computing, health IT and the first-responder arena. We also expanded our Board of Directors and further strengthened our Advisory Council.

NCOIC's greatest asset continues to be its open environment for true collaboration. As a legally neutral corporation, NCOIC can do what others can't -- bring together great minds from government, industry and academia to address some of the world's most complex interoperability issues.

It is an honor for me to serve as chief executive officer of NCOIC, which has become a trusted technical authority and catalyst for change. I am excited about the future and look forward to working with you to extend the Consortium's influence and impact. Together, we can move global cross-domain and multi-domain interoperability from a concept to a worldwide standard for both the public and private sectors.