



## **NCOIC Update to Members – January 2018**

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### **Interoperable Domains Can Become a Reality**

New on the NCOIC website is an article by CFO Tip Slater on implementing interoperability of products and services in multiple marketplaces. In it, he writes, “All grand ideas (and global interoperability is a grand idea) need to have a viable path to implementation. Today, while the idea of achieving real interoperability is grand, the implementation is fractured at best and sabotaged at worst. As a result, projects become cost sinks resulting in gigantic stove pipes, large enough that individuals and groups believe they’ve already achieved the grand vision...” Read more at <https://www.ncoic.org/about-us/ncoic-difference/managing-interoperability>

### **Interoperability Verification**

NCOIC’s team working the Interoperability Verification Initiative is finalizing a three-step process before presenting the results to NATO Allied Command Transformation later this month. The process begins with identification and initial testing of key communities of interest in the customer’s environment (i.e. health care in NATO’s Federated Mission Networking). Next, those are matched to key attributes in the products and services that could support the environments. This will enable the organization to quickly identify products and services that minimize integration risk in terms of interoperability. This process will be transferable to other customers and their communities of interest -- and eventually to multiple communities of interest that need to work together (like disaster response).

### **Presidential Paper Delivered to White House**

Several members of the NCOIC Board of Directors prepared a proposal for creating interoperability in the health care industry, which is being submitted to President Donald Trump for review this week. It outlines a public-private partnership for a presidential-level initiative that takes on IT interoperability to transform the nation’s health care and serve as a model for international organizations. Such an initiative would accelerate the pace of IT innovation, improve data exchange and public health, better leverage assets and stimulate job development, among other benefits.

### **Blockchain Focus of Healthcare IT Event**

More than 30 thought-leaders representing the healthcare industry met in November for an NCOIC workshop on advances in information technology, the first event by the consortium’s Healthcare Integrated Project Team. Taking part in person and online were participants from across the U.S., Europe and India. Speakers described the latest and best information available on cloud federation standards, software and hardware for healthcare information management systems using blockchain, and rapidly deployable communication network technologies. The presentations were followed by a discussion session that included panelists Mikhel Tikk (Head of the Cyber Policy Dept. at the Estonia Ministry of Defense), Dr. Raj Mukherji (Founder/President of Mukherji Consultants Inc.), Dr. Kamesh Namuduri (Professor of Electrical Engineering at North Texas University), Dr. Craig Lee, Senior Scientist at The Aerospace Corporation), Raj Sharma (Founder/CEO at Health Wizz), Varun Nagarajan (Head of Business Development at KrypC Technologies), and Gautam Mohan (Engagement Manager at KrypC).

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