



## NCOIC Update to Members – November 2016



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### **Register Now for “Art of the Possible” Interoperability Demo on Dec. 16**

The NCOIC Advisory Council meeting on Friday, December 16 will feature an important demonstration for government and business leaders by its member-companies to underscore the benefits of collaborating via an interoperable network environment. They will use a secure, federated-cloud infrastructure to simulate a real-time, disaster-response scenario that will highlight the consortium’s work over the past few years in how to develop a trusted environment, including governance processes and federation management as well as interoperability verification.

Members and guests will see the MERLIN Interoperability Environment for Demonstration, Testing and Evaluation in action. MERLIN enables government agencies and other NCOIC customers to take a proven and governed approach to creating an unclassified but secure trust federation. With MERLIN, they can utilize a persistent cloud-based infrastructure to implement applications, verify interoperability, conduct exercises, evaluate potential solutions and create a lasting capability for ongoing operations or special needs.

The technical team will go through the critical prep work -- the implementation process NCOIC has developed for creating an interoperable IT environment that can mean mission success for multi-agency groups or organizations with complex needs. At the conclusion of the demo, there will be displays of solutions and concepts for enabling interoperability, followed by a networking reception. The event begins at 2 p.m. at the Deloitte headquarters, 1919 N. Lynn Street, Arlington, Virginia. Virtual participation will be available via the Internet. Please [register](#) by December 5.

### **New Advisory Council Member Named**

Peter Treche, retired General Manager of AFCEA Europe, has joined the NCOIC Advisory Council and will serve with other international leaders who provide the consortium with their expertise and insights on interoperability needs, requirements and direction. For almost two decades, Treche has held management roles in AFCEA (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association), a non-profit organization founded 70 years ago for information technology and intelligence professionals from government and industry. He also served in the German Armed Forces for four decades and retired at the rank of Major General. He received numerous decorations, including the German Armed Forces Cross of Honour, U.S. Armed Forces Meritorious Service Medal and U.S. Legion of Merit. Said NCOIC CEO Harry Raduege, “Gen. Treche brings high energy and a global perspective to our Advisory Council. AFCEA and NCOIC have a common vision and he can help us take our collaborative efforts to a new level.”

## **Help NCOIC Spread the Word to Build Membership**

Attracting new members has always been a goal of NCOIC, and with the recent signing of contracts with NATO agencies for interoperability projects, there has perhaps never been a better time to join the consortium.

Said CFO Tip Slater, “Our contracts allow government customers and industry to collaborate in a neutral environment. Small companies have access to customers that are typically beyond their marketing capabilities -- senior decision-makers who identify needs and set visionary requirements for mission objectives or organizational change. This contract activity also allows smaller companies to find interoperable connectivity issues that enable their products and services to operate within the customer’s environment, which can lower overhead costs and speed-up the acquisition of new capabilities. Larger companies are able to both impact the interoperability -- to ensure products and services proposed are at the lowest cost with the highest return on investment – and discover new capabilities from the smaller companies that they can utilize in their product offerings.”

Slater encourages all members to share information on NCOIC with their colleagues and help the consortium build its international network of companies and individuals who can benefit from the technical resources, interoperability projects and rare access to global leaders. To discuss membership or set up a presentation for a potential member-company, contact Karen Mowrey at [Karen.M.Mowrey@NCOIC.org](mailto:Karen.M.Mowrey@NCOIC.org).

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