NCOIC Update to Members – May 2016

World Leaders to Learn about NCOIC Interoperability Verification for NATO
CFO Tip Slater will describe the new NCOIC Interoperability Verification initiative to
an international audience at NITEC 2016, a three-day conference in Estonia organized
by the NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCIA) and the Association for
Communications, Electronics and Information Systems (AFCEA). On June 9, he will brief senior
government, military and industry leaders as well as defense and security experts on how
Interoperability Verification (IV) will be used in NATO's acquisition processes for its Federated
Mission Networking (FMN) capability.

NCOIC developed its IV process at the request of NCIA. It examines the evidence of technical
interoperability built into products and services offered by industry as System-of-System (SoS)
solutions for the FMN environment. Having this evaluation before SoS integration can help NATO and
its member-nations reduce cost, schedule and risk as they work to develop an improved information-
sharing environment that supports command and control and decision-making in future operations.

"Receiving an Interoperability Verification certificate from NCOIC won't create significant additional
cost for those companies that want to do business with NATO," says Slater. "Our interoperability risk
assessment is based on product testing that takes place as part of the normal quality manufacturing
process and our understanding of how well the technology meets NCIA requirements and can be
implemented and used throughout the FMN system."

Slater will also discuss the business value of interoperability. "Industry has not been focused on
providing efficient interoperable solutions," he says. "Vendors need to understand that offering
affordable and expandable interoperable products and services will enable them to move into new
markets and generate greater revenue."

NCOIC members interested in participating in the Interoperability Verification initiative for NCIA are
invited to join the Integrated Product Team. Contact Ken Cureton at kenneth.l.cureton@ncoic.org for
more information.

Unknowns of Interoperability is Focus of July 13 Panel
"Interoperability: Addressing the Unknowns of Global Collaboration," the second in a series of
executive discussions, will be held in Arlington, Va. on Wednesday, July 13. Senior leaders are set to
discuss how to expect the unexpected — with strategies, resources and training to help teams plan for
and respond to unanticipated situations. NCOIC members in the area are welcome to attend the late-
afternoon panel presentation that is part of the summer NCOIC Advisory Council and Board of
Directors meeting. For more information, go to
http://www.ncoic.org/images/news/NCOIC_July2016panel.pdf

Members Asked to Submit Comments on SIGP
The Cybersecurity IPT's Secure Interoperability Governance Process document will enter formal review and approval over the next several weeks. All NCOIC members are encouraged to review the document and submit comments. The SIGP addresses a critical element of secure collaboration and information exchange in today's environment – namely, governance, which must be addressed before any technical solution will succeed.

Rapid Response Incubator Development Continues
NCOIC members are contributing representative datasets for demonstration purposes on the NCOIC Rapid Response Incubator for a disaster response scenario. The contributions include situational awareness video from beamSmart, emergency response unit availability and incident action plans from CloudBound and example medical datasets from Raj Mukherji, chair of the Healthcare IPT. Controlled access to this data is via KeyVOMS software developed by The Aerospace Corporation, courtesy of Dr. Craig Lee. Application access management will be addressed in the next phase of the RRI development.

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