



NCOIC and SISO join forces to advance interoperability

WASHINGTON - June 1, 2011 - The Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium (NCOIC) today announced it has signed a letter of agreement (LoA) with the Simulation Interoperability Standards Organization (SISO). Both organizations work to advance interoperability within and among a variety of global government and commercial sectors.

NCOIC aims to improve the interoperability of disparate operational systems; SISO aims to improve the interoperability of simulation systems. Both share the desire to improve the interrelationship between operational and simulated systems. Together the organizations have identified areas of synergy and members to collaborate on the development of standards that can help to eliminate communication barriers among systems. The LoA will enable them to harmonize efforts.

Operational systems-dubbed "live systems" by the simulation community-often need to be integrated with "synthetic systems" in order to validate their effectiveness or train their operators. Improving the interoperability between live and synthetic systems will reduce customer time, cost and risk associated with conducting such experiments. NCOIC and SISO share the objective of improving interoperability between both types of systems.

NCOIC's industry members develop tools and patterns that advance network-centric operations for their global customers.

"Through its efforts to improve interoperability on the battlefield, in the global airspace, in cyberspace and in humanitarian relief operations, NCOIC has become a respected voice of global industry," said Dan Starcevich, NCOIC's chairman emeritus. "Our new relationship with SISO will take us into the area of helping to tailor standards."

SISO provides an open forum in which participants promote the reuse of models and simulations through the exchange of ideas, the examination of technologies, and the development of standards.

"The LoA reflects SISO's continuing efforts to engage potential users of our standards," said Dr. Katherine L. Morse, chair, SISO EXCOM. "We will collaborate with NCOIC to effectively apply our standards to NCOIC's development of network-centric patterns."

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