NCOIC Update to Members – September 2014

Many changes are taking place within the Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium and our environment -- and we wanted to share some of the exciting things that are happening.

NCOIC Business Model

First and foremost, NCOIC has adopted an updated business model. During work on our recent contracts with NATO and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, we developed a working business model that features a cross-domain interoperability context/concept we call the NCOIC QuadTrangle™ (http://www.ncoic.org). It illustrates the common focus on technology while also highlighting the interdependencies between each and all of the four interoperability dimensions: technical, business, culture and governance. For a successful outcome, all four areas must be addressed in completing the business process. Our model is proving to be a very effective tool for our members and customers alike.

Expanding NCOIC Leadership

In addition, we are expanding our Board of Directors and Advisory Council to broaden our focus on the disaster response and health care markets. This expansion will increase our ability to connect with and influence two critical areas that would benefit greatly from the consortium's non-profit interoperable environment and partnerships between industry and government.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Douglas Rosendale, a distinguished surgeon, clinical informatics specialist and faculty member at the University of California/San Diego, to the NCOIC Board of Directors. Dr. Rosendale recently transitioned from the Department of Veterans Affairs, where he was Senior Physician Advisor for the Veterans Health Administration's Office of Health Information, to become an entrepreneur in the health IT marketplace. Dr. Rosendale is focused on healthcare transformation, leveraging health information technology for new models of care and striving for a healthy-living ecosystem. He will serve as the catalyst for NCOIC's work to bring cross-domain interoperability to the health care marketplace. His expertise, resources and contacts -- from the White House and the VA to medical providers and academic institutions -- bode well for our success in this arena.

New Prototype Environment

Our Cloud Computing Working Group is in the final stages of developing and constructing the Rapid Response Incubator (RRI) -- a groundbreaking step forward for NCOIC. The RRI is a laboratory and development environment that will assist our members and customers to identify interoperable standards and processes that will be key ingredients for rapid solutions to real-world issues. We have completed governance and operating guidance for the use of the RRI as part of the NCOIC open cooperative venue that enables industry and government agencies to work together on tough problems. Four companies have already invested resources in the RRI and we have advised the General Services Administration and Department of Defense of the potential the RRI can offer them. We invite your participation in the RRI -- please reach out to

the Cloud Computing Working Group through Colleen Dealey at cdealey@cloudboundllc.com to discuss the possibilities our incubator has for you and your organization.

As we move forward with the RRI, we are also working on many other elements of collaboration. We have an initiative underway to define and create an improved online version of our open cooperative venue. This Open Collaboration Environment (OCE) is currently undergoing SCOPE review to define its objectives, requirements and alternative approaches. We look forward to sharing the details with you in the near future.

Workshop on Federated, Hybrid Clouds
We are recruiting new members for our Healthcare and Cyber Working Groups. We are combining these groups with the Cloud Computing Working Group for a strategy session on Tuesday, October 7, when they will discuss the 2015 action plan to focus on high-priority customer needs and how the RRI initiative may be able to help in these areas. We are actively seeking customer inputs on mission needs and interoperability challenges in this expanding world of federated, hybrid clouds. If you would like to be involved in this session – either in person or virtually -- please sign up at http://www.ncoic.org/news-events/events.

Starting our Second Decade
It's an exciting time to be involved in NCOIC. On the consortium's new website are some thoughts from CEO Carl O'Berry (http://www.ncoic.org/about-us/executive-message) highlighting the accomplishments of our first 10 years and looking forward to our second decade of operations. We hope you will consider becoming active in a technological, business or executive capacity with NCOIC as we assist governments, agencies and companies in tackling some of the most important issues of our time.