



## **NCOIC Update to Members – October 2015**

### **Member Input Needed for NATO IT Modernization**

NCOIC is asking members to participate in two projects that are part of our ongoing work with the NATO Communications and Information Agency designed to help increase the efficiency and effectiveness of its Information Technology (IT) infrastructure.



The first is a Voice of Industry Review of the NATO Interoperability Standards and Profiles (NISP). Approximately 600 standards are being added to NISP, which is used by NATO for coalition operations and is mandatory for NATO common-funded communications and information systems. All NATO procurements will reference NISP for performance requirements. Members are invited to review and provide comments in service areas covering communications, messaging, network, collaboration and communities of interest, geospatial information dissemination, information discovery and access, networking and infrastructure services and security. This review is an excellent opportunity for NCOIC members to influence the NISP standards in areas of interest to programs and new business activities. The deadline for comment is November 16.

The second is a Request for Information to NCOIC members seeking input and recommendations regarding the Interoperability Verification (IV) process that NCOIC is developing to assess and verify -- early in the acquisition cycle -- the interoperability inherent in products and services offered by industry to NATO. Input is needed on the proposed concept, process development approach and draft IV methodology. The deadline for comment is November 15.

Contact Mark Bowler, NCOIC Technical Council Chair, at [tech-council-chair@ncoic.org](mailto:tech-council-chair@ncoic.org) if you have questions or want to participate in either or both of these efforts.

### **Medical Leaders Join Advisory Council**

Dr. Julian Goldman of Massachusetts General Hospital and Dr. Hamish Fraser of the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom have been appointed to the NCOIC Advisory Council. Dr. Goldman is Medical Director of Biomedical Engineering for Partners HealthCare System, a practicing anesthesiologist at MGH and Director of its Program on Medical Device Interoperability. Dr. Fraser is Associate Professor in eHealth in the Leeds Institute of Health Sciences, an Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School and a founder and co-leader of the OpenMRS (Medical Record System) project.

In making the announcement, Dr. Douglas Rosendale of the NCOIC Board of Directors noted, “Dr. Goldman has a rich background in carrying the flag for patient safety in the acute care setting; his work at MGH in developing a standards-based device interoperability framework is recognized broadly by the FDA, federal partners and the private sector. Dr. Fraser is respected for his depth of knowledge and experience in supporting international efforts to improve healthcare for underserved nations; his informatics experience in developing open electronic health systems to improve healthcare at the ‘village level’ has saved lives worldwide.”

### **EUCOM Meeting Focuses on Multiple Virtual Networks**

This month, NCOIC executives visited leaders from Headquarters, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany to discuss ways the consortium can assist in the creation of virtual organizations to support EUCOM partnership programs and operations. Gen. Harald Kujat, NCOIC Advisory Council Chair, Pat Ryan, NCOIC Chief Technology Officer, and John Meinke, Vice Chair of AFCEA International (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association), met with Mike Ryan, Director of the Interagency Partnering Directorate, Col. Welton Chase Jr., Director of C4/Cyber, and their staff. EUCOM has a large area of operations and activities in Europe, including refugee issues, and NCOIC proposed multiple virtual organizations to help coordinate its activities among military, civil and non-governmental organizations.

### **Interoperability Support Detailed for USAID**

NCOIC has submitted an Expression of Interest to the U.S. Agency for International Development in support of a Broad Agency Announcement for “Implementation of Proven Processes and Methodologies to Enable Interoperability.” The consortium’s submittal to USAID is an expression of interest to use industry-proven processes to identify, select and develop innovative solutions that could strengthen interoperability of health information systems in the West Africa region in the wake of the Ebola outbreak.

### **Cybersecurity Workshop Focused on Security and Governance**

Thanks to the speakers, members and guests who participated in the fourth Cybersecurity Workshop held earlier this week. The discussions, which covered secure interoperability and governance processes, will be summarized in a readout report to be released in the next few months. The presenters were: Lou Elin Dwyer, National Defense University, TIDES Civil-Military Affairs; Andy Murren, Acquisition Committee Chair, Open Source Software Institute; Chad Fulgham, Former Chief Information Officer, U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation; Dave Henderman, Ready Strong Social Media, San Diego State University; Eric Frost, Visualization Center, San Diego State University; and Merrick Watchorn, Cloud Security Solutions Architect, Science Applications International Corp.

### **RRI to Host Disaster Message Data**

NCOIC member Humanity Road, working with the Cloud Computing Working Group, is in the process of hosting disaster message data on the Rapid Response Incubator with access control provided by the virtual organization containers capability of the RRI. This is the first step in hosting a social media database and additional situational awareness capability to the RRI for experimentation and demonstration.

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