Steven Cooper of U.S. Commerce Dept. Named to NCOIC Advisory Council

WASHINGTON—March 1, 2016— Steven I. Cooper, chief information officer of the U.S. Department of Commerce, has joined the Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium advisory council and will work with other government and business leaders to address complex interoperability issues that affect global interdependence.

Cooper leads Commerce’s information technology strategy and operations, oversees its enterprise IT security risk program, and serves as an adviser on mission and business IT systems and services for the department’s 12 agencies, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Prior to joining Commerce, Cooper served at the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Homeland Security and the White House Office of Homeland Security.

Cooper also has more than 20 years of private-sector experience, including work at the American Red Cross, Strativest, Fortified Holdings, Corning, Inc., Eli Lilly Inc., Computer Sciences Corporation, MAXIMA, Inc. and CACI, Inc. Through the years, he has served as a board member and officer of several nonprofits and humanitarian organizations, working to more effectively help people and emergency responders prepare for and respond to natural disasters.

“Steve Cooper is a preeminent CIO and technology leader in America. The depth and breadth of his experience with technologies for homeland security, emergency response and preparedness make him an outstanding addition to our advisory council,” said Harry Raduege, NCOIC chief executive officer. “We are fortunate to have his insights on the challenges and barriers to implementing enterprise-wide information technology strategies and managing cyber risk.”

NCOIC is an international not-for-profit corporation with more than 50 member-companies, affiliates and senior advisors representing 12 countries, including Fortune 500 firms, government agencies, universities, standards organizations and multi-national bodies such as NATO and the European Union. Together, they focus on advancing interoperable networks within and across domains and national borders.

Since it was founded in 2004, NCOIC has built a range of technical tools and resources for creating interoperability valued at $100 million. It has also assisted customers — including the NATO Communication and Information Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and Royal Australian Air Force — in improving their net-centric environments. In addition, NCOIC experts focus on helping industry create interoperable products as well as assisting organizations in evaluating products and services, and recommending strategies to ensure the systems they acquire will continue to be effective over the long term. www.ncoic.org