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SUBJECT: Department of Defense Cloud Computing Strategy

The Department is committed to realizing the value of cloud computing and providing a secure enterprise cloud environment, in alignment with Federal and Department-wide IT efficiency initiatives. The federal government intends to accelerate the pace at which the government will realize the value of cloud computing by requiring agencies to “evaluate safe, secure cloud computing options before making any new IT investments.” The attached DoD Cloud Computing Strategy lays the groundwork, consistent with the Federal Cloud Computing Strategy, for accelerating cloud adoption in the Department. The strategy includes steps to foster adoption of cloud computing, optimize data center consolidation, establish the DoD enterprise cloud infrastructure and continue to deliver cloud services. A robust and resilient multi-provider, Enterprise Cloud Environment will enable the Department to achieve the goals of the Joint Information Environment.

An implementation plan will follow, which will include further detail. In addition, a communications plan will promote the “Enterprise-first” approach to cloud computing and the use of a DoD Enterprise Cloud Services Broker, and address the cultural challenges associated with the adoption and implementation of cloud services. The existing Cloud Computing Working Group, led by the DoD CIO and the Defense Information Systems Agency, will continue to support follow-on strategy efforts.

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As stated