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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Approvals/Waivers for Obligation of Funds for Data Servers and Centers Information Technology (IT) Spending

1. References:

a. Memorandum, Chief Information Officer/G-6, 13 December 2011, subject: Moratorium on IT Spending.

b. Memorandum, Department of Defense Chief Information Officer, 9 May 2013, subject: Approval/Waivers for Obligation of Funds for Data Servers and Centers.

c. Memorandum, Department of Defense Chief Information Officer, 12 June 2013, subject: Data Center Budget Reporting.

d. National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112-81), Section 2867, 31 December 2011.

e. Memorandum, Federal Chief Information Officer, 19 March 2012, subject: Implementation Guidance for the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative (FDCCI).

f. Execute Order (EXORD) 209-11, Army Data Center Consolidation Plan (ADCCP), All Army Activities (ALARACT) 187/2011, 9 May 2011.

g. Memorandum, Secretary of the Army, 11 March 2013, subject: Army Directive 2013-02 (Network 2020 and Beyond: The Way Ahead).

h. Army Regulation (AR) 25-1, Army Knowledge Management and Information Technology, 4 December 2008.

2. Purpose: This memorandum supersedes reference 1a and clarifies guidance for approval/waiver of obligation of funds for data servers and centers.

3. DoD CIO approval is required prior to obligating funds for the procurement of all data servers and center equipment (references 1b, 1c and 1d).

4. Under the FDCCI, the Office of Management and Budget defines a data center as "a closet, room, floor or building for the storage, management, and dissemination of data and information. Such a repository houses computer systems and associated components, such as data base, application and storage systems and data stores. A data center generally includes redundant or backup power supplies, redundant data communications connections, environmental controls (air conditioning, fire suppression, etc.) and special security devices housed in leased (including cloud providers), owned, collocated, or standalone facilities. Under this revised definition, neither square footage nor Uptime Institute tier classifications are required to define a facility as a data center."

5. This policy applies to all Army data centers that are non-deployable facilities, whether or not the facility is connected to a network. This includes, but is not limited to, data centers connected to the Non-classified Internet Protocol Router Network, the Secret Internet Protocol Router Network, the Defense Research and Engineering Network (unless provided by the High Performance Computing Modernization Program) and any standalone testing environments connected to closed test networks.

6. The procurement of servers, server operating systems, virtualization software, database software and data center management tools (see Enclosure 1) requires DoD CIO approval before funds are obligated. The DoD CIO has delegated limited approval authority to the Army CIO for other items listed in reference 1b. Enclosure 2 provides a detailed list of items that require CIO/G-6 approval.

7. In addition, before funds are obligated for the procurement, construction, renovation and/or lease of a facility related to data centers, written approval must be obtained from the Army CIO/G-6. This is consistent with the Army Data Center Consolidation Plan EXORD. A link to the EXORD can be found on the ADCCP Army Knowledge Online page: https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/64374.

8. Commands seeking approval to procure data center items will submit a request to the CIO/G-6 (SAIS-PRI) through the web-based Army Goal 1 Waiver approval system at https://adminapps.hqda.pentagon.mil/akmg1w/index.html.

9. For a waiver request to be reviewed, Commands must ensure that all Army-owned data centers are individually registered in both the Army Portfolio Management Solution (APMS), which includes funding data, and the ADCCP tracking tool. Currently, approximately one-third of the Army-owned data centers listed in the ADCCP tracking tool have a matching record in APMS. This gap in our recordkeeping will affect our ability to execute funds, modernize the network and meet the strategic goals outlined in the LandWarNet 2020 and Beyond strategy.

10. Contracting officers will not award a contract or complete a procurement action for items listed in enclosures 1 and 2 without a Goal 1 Waiver approval memorandum. This requirement will be included in the next iteration of AR 25-1 and will be subject to audit by the U.S. Army Audit Agency.

11. Exceptions: U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command will continue to follow the DoD CIO's Intelligence and Intelligence Community data center consolidation initiative procedures, and is excluded from this memorandum. U.S. Army Medical Command data centers will continue to follow Military Health Systems consolidation procedures and are excluded from this memorandum. The High Performance Computing Modernization Program and its installed data centers are excluded from this memorandum (reference 1b).

12. The points of contact for the Army web-based waiver program are:
Mr. James N. Mark, (703) 692-4519 or james.n.mark.civ@mail.mil; and Mr. Orlando Dixon, (571) 256-8938 or orlando.dixon.civ@mail.mil. The points of contact for ADCCP are: Mr. Joseph Mroz, (703) 545-1351 or joseph.s.mroz.civ@mail.mil; and Mr. Steve Rogers, (703) 545-1434 or stephen.a.rogers20.ctr@mail.mil.

13. This policy will remain in place until rescinded or superseded.

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Enclosure 1 – Information Technology that Requires DoD CIO Approval

Hardware:

Servers (mainframe, mid-range, blade and standalone)
SAN/NAS storage
Matrix, fiber channel or brocade switches
Optical and tape storage systems

Software:

Server operating systems
Virtualization software
Database software
Data center management tools

Enclosure 2 – Information Technology that Requires Army CIO/G-6 Approval

Hardware:

Server racks
High-speed printers (greater than 80 ppm)
Time-division multiplex (TDM) voice-switching equipment
Replacement of casualty items

Software:

Software for applications and systems hosted within a data center

Services:

Service, support, and maintenance contracts (e.g., warranty support, preventive, routine and emergency maintenance) for existing data center

Military Construction:

New construction
Renovation
Leasing of a data center or server rooms
Upgrade/life cycle of legacy data centers and Installation Processing Nodes
HVAC upgrades