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SUBJECT: Migration to Microsoft Windows 10 Secure Host Baseline

It is important for the Department to rapidly transition to Microsoft Windows 10 in order to improve our cybersecurity posture, lower the cost of IT, and streamline the IT operating environment.

This memo serves as notification that the DoD will direct Combatant Commands, Services, Agencies and Field Activities (CC/S/As) to rapidly deploy the Windows 10 operating system throughout their respective organizations starting in January 2016. This applies to all DoD information systems currently using Microsoft operating systems. The Department's objective is to complete the deployment by January 2017. The CC/S/A's are encouraged to begin planning for this upgrade to include developing cost estimates.

The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) and National Security Agency (NSA) are co-leading a joint Secure Host Baseline (SHB) working group to prepare a Windows 10 Standard Desktop framework. The WIN 10 SHB will bring consistency to DoD host security configuration management activities and will be available to CC/S/A's on DISA's Information Assurance Support Environment Portal site at <http://iase.disa.mil>, in January.

A Secretary of Defense Execution Order will be forthcoming with details on the release of the Windows 10 SHB. Once the order is published, it will be CC/S/A's responsibility to implement and promulgate the image across their respective organizations by January 2017. CC/S/A Chief Information Officers will have limited waiver authority over their respective implementation plans on a case-by-case basis for up to 12 months. Any waivers over 12 months must be approved by the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer (DoD CIO).

This action has been coordinated and is endorsed by the Secretary of Defense. My points of contact for this matter are: DoD CIO Mr. Ed Zick, edward.c.zick.civ@mail.mil, (571) 372-4680, DISA Col Dan Liggins, Daniel.liggins.mil@mail.mil, (301)225-8477, and NSA Ms Teresa Parks, tparks@nsa.gov, (443)654-9355.



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