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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Procurement Advisory Notice (PAN) 16-08 USAMRMC Required Use of Army Network Enterprise Technology Command Blanket Purchase Agreements and Unified Capabilities Approved Product List for Network Infrastructure and Voice, Video and Data Products.

1. PURPOSE. To provide direction to the MRMC and Subordinate activities concerning the procurement of Network Infrastructure and Voice, Video and Data Services equipment including Research in Motion (RIM) Blackberry type data, e-mail, and voice combination devices and services.
2. REFERENCES.
  - a. Army Regulation (AR) 25-1, Army Knowledge Management and Information Technology, 4 December 2008.
  - b. AR 25-2, Information Assurance, 23 Mar 2009
  - c. Office of the Secretary of the Army Memorandum, 14 Aug 2013, subject: Approvals/Waivers for Obligations of Funds for Data Servers and Centers Information Technology (IT) Spending.
3. APPLICABILITY.
  - a. This PAN pertains to all purchases as part of contracts and limited to Army funds and does not apply to requirements funded by other than Army funds.
  - b. All procurements of RIM Blackberry devices and servers that function as personal digital assistants to obtain data, e-mail, and voice will be accomplished using Army Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM) Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPA's).

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\*This USAMRMC PAN replaces USAMRMC PAN 13-01, Required Use of Army Network Enterprise Technology Command Blanket Purchase Agreements and Unified Capabilities Approved Product List for Network Infrastructure and Voice, Video and Data Products, 14 March 2013.

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c. All procurement of Network Infrastructure equipment, including Voice, Video and Data equipment will be validated for approval on the Defense Information Systems Agency Unified Capabilities Approval Products List (UC APL) website at <https://aplits.disa.mil>.

#### 4. POLICY.

a. DoD CIO approval is required prior to obligating funds for the procurement of all data servers and center equipment (see Enclosure 1).

b. Under the FDCCI, the OMB 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 this definition, neither square footage nor Uptime Institute tier classifications are required to define a facility as a data center.”

c. This 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 Ruler 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.

d. The procurement of servers, server operating systems, virtualization software, database software and data center management tools requires DoD CIO approval before funds are obligated. The DoD CIO has delegated limited approval authority to the Army CIO (see Enclosure 1).

e. Before funds are obligated for the procurement of construction, renovation and/or lease of a facility related to data centers, written approval must be obtained from the Army CIO/G6.

f. Requiring activities seeking approval to procure data center items will submit a request to the Army CIO/G-6.

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## ENCLOSURE 1

### Information Technology Requiring 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

### Information Technology Requiring Army CIO 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, prevention, 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

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5. PROPONENT. The proponent for this policy is the Chief, Procurement Policy, Mrs. Carla Diamond, 301-619-2395.

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