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Department of War (DoW) Mission Partner Environment (MPE) Summit Vendor Participation – “Food-for Thought”

WHY WE NEED PARTNERSHIP: Implementation of Mission Partner Environment (MPE) – Information Domains – or any Data Centric Security (DCS) solution is intrinsically dependent on government and industry partnerships. This relationship is particularly important given the paradigm shift from network centric security (NCS) to data centric security (DCS), where security is not only focused on the network perimeter but also concentrated on the protection at the data object.

CURRENT STATUS: Many DoW industry partners offer solutions that ultimately come at a cost to our warfighters (i.e., incompatibility to exchange data, fragmented or isolated data) resulting from proprietary or net-centric products. If industry is seeking to recognize the Department’s drive towards interoperable, data centric/zero trust secure MPE requirements, then we must move from proprietary, net-centric, non-interoperable solutions and only accept open standards, modular design, and data-centric capabilities.

WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING: The vendor community needs to be aware of the Departments direction for MPE to deliver interoperable solutions in compliance, as much as possible, with MPE foundational standardization documents such as: Standard NATO Agreements (STANAG) 4774, 4778, 5636, Allied Command Publication (ACP) 240, and Federated Mission Networking (FMN) Spirals.



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Department of War (DoW) Mission Partner Environment (MPE) Summit

Vendor Participation – “Food-for Thought”

General thoughts for industry consideration, in preparation for MPE Summit Participation:

There is a lack of government awareness of vendors with DCS capabilities that implement Allied Communication Publications (e.g. ACP-240) and FMN standards.

Standalone, bespoke solutions do not meet the warfighter’s requirement for flexibility and speed within a modernized IT environment.

Vendors must develop interoperable solutions/capabilities that are complimentary and supportive of one another agnostic of vendor product name.

The government needs to deliver coherent requirements based on what needs to be built (capability gaps) and to what standards or international specifications.

The lack of a consistent demand signal from the government is affecting the Defense Industry’s ability to keep pace with modernization efforts.

Participating vendors should come to the Summit prepared to discuss and demonstrate capabilities in the Exhibit Hall and speak, in-person, with Government representatives. All visitors can dive into topics such as:

- Vendor approach to data centric security and zero trust with a consideration of ACP-240
- Vendor approach on interoperability and integration when transitioning from network centric to a data centric environment based on standards
- Vendor approach to seamless integration of DCS with an eye for ease of end user use
- A simple recommended approach to developing DCS solutions

Arming everyone with the above information ahead of time supports the conversations among government and industry colleagues, fostering the opportunity to ask questions, get clarification, and even challenge government or industry assumptions, poor definitions, outdated guidance, and the consideration of unidentified challenges. With all industry and government representatives participating in the same room, speaking in common terms, and aligning their solutions to meet the guidance in this broad overview, government and industry representatives can unite to explore solutions that enable a modernized information sharing and data exchange capability, supporting enhanced Combined, Joint Warfighting.