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SUBJECT: Transition to New Markings for Controlled Unclassified Information
(CUI)

Reference: (a) National Strategy for Information Sharing (October 2007)
(b) DoD Information Sharing Strategy (May 2007)

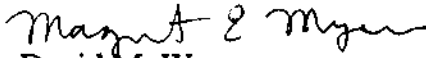
The President's recently issued National Strategy for Information Sharing, reference (a), reinforces the exchange of information across all Federal Government sectors as well as with our external partners--coalition and allies, state, local and tribal governments, private sector and international organizations. Enhancing information sharing capabilities is a key element of the DoD Information Sharing Strategy, reference (b).

In support of the national strategy, the interagency Sensitive But Unclassified Coordinating Committee, lead by the Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment, has recommended to the President a new policy which replaces current CUI processes with standardized markings, safeguards and dissemination. We anticipate White House approval of the new policy shortly. The new policy will replace all of the markings currently used for CUI within DoD (e.g., FOUO, FOUO-LES, LIMITED DISTRIBUTION) with new standardized marking. Additionally, there will be some changes to required safeguards and dissemination statements.



Transition to the new standards must begin within a prescribed time frame, and there are significant implications for many of our information technology systems. Therefore, I am establishing a CUI Task Force to oversee the development of a DoD transition plan and identify associated infrastructure costs for inclusion in the FY10 POM, as required per PBD 704 (dated November 30, 2007). This is a joint effort with OUSD(I). The task force will be co-chaired by Janice Haith, Information Sharing Executive for Intelligence and Homeland Defense, DoD CIO, and Gregory Torres, Director, Security, OUSD(I). The initial task force meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2008, Pentagon Conference Center, Room B10, 9:30-11:00.

Request you identify your task force representative (SES/GO) and action officer(s) (GS-14/O-5) who will be attending the meeting NLT January 25, 2008, to Deborah Collins (703/412-7502, collins_debbie@bah.com) or George Sturgis (703/604-1136, george.sturgis.ctr@osd.mil). Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated as we continue our unified efforts across the Department's information sharing activities.


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