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SUBJECT: Asynchronous Transport Mode (ATM) Phase-Out Plan

Asynchronous Transport Mode (ATM) is nearing its end of life. New equipment can no longer be ordered from the one remaining vendor and the current commitment for support expires after 31 December 2012. Therefore, in order to minimize performance and security risks to the Department, it is vital to plan for the systematic replacement of ATM technology across the DISN. DISA has already started reducing the ATM footprint and the dates listed below have been established as the anticipated "Sunset" dates for ATM in the respective theaters noted:

- Last planned date for ATM support:
 - CONUS – 31 December 2015
 - EUR – 31 December 2012
 - PAC – 31 December 2013
 - SWA – 30 June 2014

Based on feedback from the users, the proposed dates appear to be achievable for most organizations. However, certain Services and Agencies have expressed concern about the dates, anticipated performance of the replacement technology, and about a regional response to a globally interconnected system. In response to these concerns, DISA will provide a Transition Plan to NII that includes all technical/cost implications for the Technical Refresh Budget as well as specific, unique challenges faced by both DISA and Services or Agencies. The cost analysis will include a comprehensive analysis of the cost impacts to the DISN Technical Refresh Plan with unfunded portions identified by equipment type and year. The transition sunset dates will also be reevaluated as part of the plan.

While stop-gap support may be available beyond the dates noted, it is likely that maintenance costs beyond December 2012 will rise markedly and potentially become prohibitively expensive. Assuming vendor support is still available, Services and Agencies requiring ATM support beyond the sunset dates will be required to provide supplemental funding for that level of support. To avoid unnecessary costs and with the cooperation of users, every effort will be made to meet or accelerate the termination dates. The Global Information Grid (GIG) Waiver Board will consider all requests for the continuance of ATM support beyond the dates established with this memorandum.



Due to potential enterprise architecture constraints, there is no assurance that requests for extension of ATM use can be accommodated.

This office will monitor the transition closely, and make sure that user concerns are adequately addressed in DISA's ATM plan. Close user participation in developing the plan is required to reduce the transition impact. DISA will provide first draft transition plan within 90 days of this memo. The POC for this office on this matter is Kevin Meyers, (703) 607-0291, Kevin.Meyers@osd.mil.



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