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SUBJECT: Revised Networthiness Requirement for Systems

1. References.

a. Army Regulation (AR) 25-1, Army Information Technology, 25 June 2013.

b. AR 25-2, Information Assurance, 24 October 2007 (Rapid Action Revision, 23 March 2009).

c. Memorandum, Chief Information Officer (CIO), G-6, 12 February 2015, subject: Department of the Army Strategy for the Implementation of the Risk Management Framework (RMF) for Department of Defense Information Technology (IT).

d. National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication (NIST SP) 800-37, Guide to Applying the Risk Management Framework to Federal Information Systems, February 2010.

e. Committee on National Security Systems Instruction (CNSSI) 1253, Security Categorization and Control Selection for National Security Systems Version 2, 15 March 2012.

f. DoD Instruction 8510.01, Risk Management Framework for DoD Information Technology (IT), March 12, 2014.

2. Purpose. This policy guidance rescinds the requirement for all systems (either undergoing a current DoD Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation (DIACAP) certification and accreditation or other IT requiring RMF assessment and authorization) to get a Certificate of Networthiness (CON) prior to connection to the DoD Information Network.

3. Background. The Army is currently transitioning from the DIACAP process to the RMF. A NETCOM review of the NIST SP 800-37 and CNSSI 1253 security controls and assessment procedures validated that the current Networthiness criteria are covered under the control set that will be used within RMF. Networthiness requirements

will be fully integrated into the RMF process and no longer need to be addressed in a separate process.

4. Scope. This policy guidance applies to all Army organizations and individuals involved in the planning, developing, purchasing, approving, monitoring, managing, maintaining and disposing of information systems.

5. Guidance. Effective immediately:

a. System CONs will no longer be required for IT systems with an Authorization to Operate (ATO), Interim Authority to Operate (IATO), Interim Authority to Test (IATT) and Authorities to Connect (ATC) issued under reciprocity.

b. Application CONs will be required for applications not included in an authorized boundary until Assess Only requirements under RMF are implemented within the Enterprise Mission Assurance Support Service (eMASS) as part of the DIACAP to RMF transition. A CIO/G-6 led working group is drafting the framework to identify Assess Only criteria and requirements.

6. Document Review. The CIO/G-6 Policy and Governance Division will review this guidance for inclusion of content in the next version of AR 25-1, Army Information Technology, AR 25-2, Information Assurance, and DA Pam 25-1-1, Army Information Technology Implementation Instructions.

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