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**SUBJECT: Computing Environment (CE) Certifications for the Army Information Assurance (IA) Workforce**

**1. References:**

a. Department of Defense Manual 8570.01-M, Change 3, Information Assurance Workforce Improvement Program, 24 January 2012.

b. Army Regulation (AR) 25-2, Information Assurance, 23 March 2009.

c. Chief Information Officer/G-6, Cyber Directorate, Best Business Practice 05-PR-0002, IA Training and Certification, Version 5.0, 10 April 2012.

2. Purpose: This memorandum provides computing environment certification requirements and guidance for all Department of the Army Information Assurance personnel, to include military, civilians and contractors. In addition, the memorandum informs the IA community of changes to the procedure for requesting additions to the Army Training and Certification Tracking System (ATCTS) CE certification/certificate of training list.

**3. Policy:**

a. All personnel in information assurance technical (IAT) positions must obtain appropriate CE certifications or certificates of training for the operating system(s) and/or security-related tools/devices they support. All technical personnel in the IAT Level Three category shall obtain a commercial CE certification (not just a certificate of training).

b. Computer Network Defense Service Providers (CND-SPs) (except CND-SP Managers) and Information Assurance Security Architects and Engineers who perform IAT functions must obtain appropriate CE certifications or certificates of training for the operating system(s) and/or security-related tools/devices they support.

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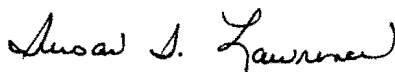
c. Requests to add training courses to the Army Training and Certification Tracking System (ATCTS) for operating systems, devices and/or tools shall be submitted by the command Information Assurance Manager (IAM) or Information Assurance Program Manager (IAPM). The IAM/IAPM must compile all requests and provide them to the CIO/G-6 Cybersecurity Directorate using the application located on the ATCTS home page, labeled "to add a Computing Environment Certification". Organization and Network Enterprise Center Managers are authorized to use certificates of training and/or industry certifications to meet the CE requirement.

d. A complete list of Army-authorized CE certifications and training courses is available on ATCTS at <https://atc.us.army.mil>. The list will be updated quarterly.

4. Description of change: DoD 8570.01-M change 3 establishes that DoD now accepts certificates of training or vendor certifications to fulfill the CE requirement.

5. This guidance will be incorporated into the next version of AR 25-2. This memorandum will be superseded upon its publication.

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