1. DoD Information Enterprise Vision

The DoD CIO is tasked with improving the combat power of the Department—as well as its security and efficiency—by ensuring that the Department treats information as a strategic asset and that innovative information capabilities are available throughout all areas of DoD supporting warfighting, business, and intelligence missions. The DoD CIO Vision and Mission are:

- **Vision** - Deliver agile and secure information capabilities to enhance combat power and decision making.
- **Mission** - Information is one of our Nation’s greatest sources of power. Our first and greatest goal is to deliver that power to enable the achievement of mission success in all operations of the Department: warfighting, business, and intelligence.¹

The DoD Information Enterprise (IE) is the DoD information resources, assets, and processes² required to achieve the vision and perform the mission of the DoD CIO. A robust and seamless IE provides decision makers and action officers with the knowledge they need to make decisions and complete actions. The DoD IE enables net-centric Warfighting, Business, and Intelligence operations as a unified DoD information enterprise. It provides a rich information sharing environment in which data and services are visible, accessible, understandable, and trusted across the enterprise. It also enables an available and protected network infrastructure that enables responsive, information-centric operations, using dynamic and interoperable communications and computing capabilities.

The operational requirements, described in the Operational Context³ section as operational goals and associated outcomes, play an important role in shaping the vision for the IE. The IE must

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¹ Department of Defense (DoD) Chief Information Officer (CIO) Campaign Plan, baseline, Version 0, October 5, 2011, Pg. 5.
² DoDD 8000.01, Management of the DoD Information Enterprise, February 10, 2009, Pg. 10.
³ The Operational Context is a part of the DoD IEA v2.0 that describes the operational requirements the IE must enable and support. These operational requirements are described as the outcomes and goals that operations must achieve.
enable and support these operational requirements while also meeting DoD CIO management and oversight requirements. The IE will enable, support, and meet these requirements by:

- Providing end user capabilities to connect to IE networks, access, and share assured information and information assets in support of achieving the operational goals and outcomes described in the Operational Context.
- Using enabling capabilities within the IE to properly operate, defend, and govern the IE in its provisioning of end user capabilities.

Together, the end user capabilities and enabling capabilities comprise the IE capabilities. **Figure 1**, IE Capability Vision, depicts the vision for the IE with respect to operational requirements, end user capabilities, and enabling capabilities.

![Figure 1 – IE Capability Vision](image)

The operational requirements are the basis for determining what end user capabilities the IE must provide. The Operational Context describes these operational requirements in detail and represents them with four goals:

- Provide a unified information enterprise optimized for the joint warfighter and supporting business and defense intelligence elements to facilitate force integration;
- Deliver the information advantage necessary to facilitate freedom of action;
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- Enable secure access to required information anytime and anywhere, expediting decision cycles; and
- Ensure agility and versatility of the information enterprise to enable operational reach and synergy of the force.

Based on these operational requirements, the IE needs to provide a set of capabilities that enable end users to connect to, access, and share information and information assets in performing DoD missions and operations.

1.1 End User Capabilities

End User Capabilities enable users to:

- Connect to the IE network from anywhere, using the various end user devices available to DoD personnel and mission partners.
- Access information, services, and other information assets when needed, using the various end user devices available to DoD personnel and mission partners.
- Share information and services throughout the IE and provide global visibility and availability of information, services and other information assets.

End User Capabilities are provided by an information infrastructure and environment consisting of Enabling Capabilities to operate, defend, and govern the IE.

1.2 Enabling Capabilities

The intent of End User Capabilities is to optimize visibility, accessibility, trustability, and understandability of information by providing users simple, seamless, intuitive interaction with massive amounts of data through large-scale storage, search, retrieval, fusion and visualization capabilities. To achieve this, common processes and rules for tagging, storing, accessing, integrating, sharing, and visualizing globally distributed, heterogeneous information, data, and explicit knowledge must be established and enforced. It also requires the establishment and enforcement of policies and standards that direct common management processes and maximize information sharing. DoD CIO requirements for developing, operating and managing the IE influence the Enabling Capabilities. Together, these Enabling Capabilities ensure:

- Effective management of network performance and dynamic allocation of enterprise resources
- Common access control for all users and devices throughout the IE
- Cross domain security and pro-active defense of networks
- Data security at all times
- Common policies, standards, and management processes
- Effective development and use of architecture

Enabling Capabilities also promote enterprise-wide, standardized operations and resources. This includes such things as common, enterprise-wide services, applications, and tools; standardized
data centers; consolidated networks and operation centers; common access control; and enterprise-wide certification and accreditation. Delivering the IE Capabilities needed to enable DoD operations requires dynamic, agile, and responsive infrastructure components.

2. Vision for Delivering IE Capabilities
To deliver required IE Capabilities, infrastructure components, such as computing, communications, and enterprise services require characteristics and attributes that enable dynamic, agile, and responsive operations. Mission Assurance, consisting of NetOps and Information Assurance, play a key role in securing and protecting the IE. Together, these infrastructure components deliver the capabilities provided by the IE.

2.1 Computing Resources
The vision for computing resources is a set of consolidated and logically interconnected Core, Regional, Local and Mobile/Tactical computing centers that deliver cloud-based, on demand services to all DoD users and devices. Each computing center instantiation is operated according to a set computing center attributes and standards for the following: dynamic allocation of resources, multi-tenant applications (server virtualization), Green IT, and the enablement of data visibility, accessibility and understandability. Computing resources of the future will:

- Enable on-demand, distributed, dynamic, and high performance computing.
- Provide the ability to process data and to enable physical and virtual access to hosted information and data centers across the enterprise.
- Maximize computing capacity, provide standard and well defined services optimizing assets and resources, and minimize cost in support of cross-organizational, geographically dispersed users.
- Enable a service-centric IE and support new service-oriented approaches, such as cloud computing and virtualization (including IaaS, PaaS, & SaaS), for sharing, storing, processing, and transporting information.
- Provide rapid and ubiquitous access to data and information anywhere on the network to authorized users (personnel or machines).
- Support dynamic, responsive Enterprise Management, Network Assurance, Content Management, and Information Assurance functions.
- Be evolved such that improved processing and storage capabilities are deployed close to the “tactical edge”
- Provide a common set of foundational capabilities and services that simplify development or implementation.
- Facilitate the capability to make data assets visible, accessible, and understandable.
- Provide “shared” space for data and application services.
- Provide on-demand capacity and self-provisioned services that can elastically scale, as required.
Design web-based applications and services to run in consolidated and virtualized enterprise data centers as well as being “mobile device ready” from the start.

2.2 Communications Resources

The vision for communication resources is a robust and dynamic physical and logical communications infrastructure that will accommodate ubiquitous transport of all required information and services to all authorized users. The Communications infrastructure will provide secure, agile, seamless, and survivable end-to-end connectivity (from core to tactical edge) and on-demand bandwidth that is dynamically allocated, based on operational priority and precedence among the millions of space, air, sea, and terrestrial-based fixed, mobile, and moving users. The communications resources of the future will:

- Contain an agile mesh of diverse landline, satellite, and wireless capabilities providing net enabled applications and data from the National Command Authority (NCA) down to the tactical edge.
- Increase transport capability across the IE to accommodate emerging, net-enabled capabilities offered as services that remain readily available, secure, on-demand, 24/7.
- Enable Unified Capabilities (converging IP based networked integrated applications for voice, video, and data delivered ubiquitously and over high-speed optical infrastructure) based on a unified customer interface standardized on Ethernet and IPv6 technologies.
- Enable robust and extensible cross domain capabilities (capability to securely move information among multiple security enclaves) to support a secure and integrated information enterprise.
- Support dynamic, responsive Enterprise Management, Network Assurance, Content Management, and Information Assurance functions.
- Reduce the communications hardware footprint in the tactical environment by moving toward a single, common set of radio network components.
- Be designed to allow transparency through increasingly resilient networks and flexible provisioning of net-centric infrastructure systems that are secure and highly available.
- Support mobile users and mobile devices in all environments including disconnected operation, intermittent connectivity, and limited bandwidth (DIL).
- Enable virtualized and federated networks characterized by virtualized Defense Enterprise Security Architecture (DESA) Stacks which provide perimeter protection for designated regions.
- Consist of a much smaller number of discreet networks than exists today achieved through consolidation and modernization initiatives now being pursued by the MilDep and other Components.

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4 Core refers to the Global Fixed Assets or Fixed but Mobile-in-Theater Assets.
2.3 Enterprise Services Resources

The vision for enterprise services is an agile, distributed, single service-oriented enterprise for development, management, and use of “Applications, Services, and Information” throughout the DoD Enterprise. This service-oriented enterprise is more user-centric and focused on the tactical edge (end-user in garrison or deployed) by embracing simplicity, leveraging and directing current information technology investments, and aggressively seeking innovative new ways to solve the command and control issues of the Department. This vision embraces the coexistence of Enterprise and Mission specific services that will separately, or in combination, allow access by users to the full spectrum of services available across the DoD Enterprise. Enterprise services resources of the future will:

- Provide for rapid development and use of services in the IE.
- Provide development environments where new services can be developed and modified/tailored for mission specific uses in the field, almost on the fly.
- Produce information that is easily discoverable, accessible, understandable and useful to consumers.
- Support dynamic, responsive Enterprise Management, Network Assurance, Content Management, and Information Assurance functions.
- Include a common adaption layer for application services to transparently interface with enterprise infrastructure services.
- Extend existing strategic applications and services to the tactical edge environment.
- Provide repeatable tactical edge service implementations as well as consistent implementation results and service performance.
- Improve service interoperability, reuse, and plug-n-play for new service creation.
- Make services, information and capabilities seamlessly available to users in environments characterized by disconnected, operation, intermittent connectivity and limited bandwidth (DIL).
- Deliver common, ubiquitous, shared services and applications as Enterprise Services freeing Components to focus on the delivery of Component-unique services.

3. Summary of IE Vision

The DoD IE is essential to achieving the vision and performing the mission of the DoD CIO. The DoD IE, as a unified DoD information enterprise, creates an information advantage for our people and mission partners. It provides a rich information sharing environment in which data and services are visible, accessible, understandable, and trusted across the enterprise. It features an available and protected network infrastructure that enables responsive, information-centric operations, using dynamic and interoperable communications and computing capabilities. The DoD IE, driven by the operational requirements it must support and enable, provides a set of IE Capabilities. These capabilities consist of End User Capabilities and Enabling Capabilities. End
User Capabilities enable users to connect to, access, and share information and information assets in performing DoD missions and operations. Enabling Capabilities provide the ability to operate, defend, and govern the IE and comprise the information infrastructure and environment that provide End User Capabilities. DoD CIO requirements for developing, operating and managing the IE influence and guide the Enabling Capabilities. The IE Capabilities are delivered using computing, communications, and enterprise services resources. IE Capabilities support and enable warfighting, business, and intelligence operations.