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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Risk Acceptance for use of Aruba Enterprise Wireless Network (AEAWN) In Support of the Global Combat Support System-Army

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 25-2, "Information Assurance", 23 Mar 09.
- b. Department of Defense Instruction 8500.2, "Information Assurance Implementation", 6 Feb 03.
- c. Department of Defense Instruction 8510.01, "DoD Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process (DIACAP)", 28 Nov 2007.

2. Based on the compelling operational need for the use of an updated version of the Army Enterprise Aruba Wireless Network (AEAWN) in support of Global Combat Support System – Army (GCSS-A), I accept the risk of AEAWN operations on the Army LandWarNet (LWN) while PEO EIS finalizes the type accreditation effort. This risk acceptance provides a mechanism to continue replacement of the existing AEAWN v1.0 capability that will expire on 24 Jun 14. This action is effective immediately and is valid until 31 Aug 14.

3. To mitigate any risks associated with use of the new version of AEAWN prior to an approved ATO, the following actions will be taken:

- a. Establish a separate virtual local area network (VLAN) for exclusive use by the AEAWN. A subnet mask will be used to reduce the number of available internet protocol addresses to the number of required users.
- b. The firewall module will be enabled on the controller to protect the boundary created by the WLAN. The Wireless Intrusion Detection System (WIDS) will be enabled to continuously scan both the 2.4 and 5 GHz frequency bands IAW Network Policy Security Technical Implementation Guide (NET-WIDS-001). Exceptions to continuous scanning will require DAA approval.
- c. All tablets accessing GCSS-A via AEAWN will have:
  - i. Host Based Security System and antivirus installed.
  - ii. hardware profiles created to implement LAN ON/LAN OFF.

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d. All unnecessary functionality, such as Telnet, SSH, SCP, FTP, TFTP, SNMP, etc. not required to access GCSS-A will be disabled.

e. The static "GCSS\_ARMY" SSID will be replaced with a pseudo random SSID.

4. The owning unit or organization acknowledges and consents to Regional Cyber Center and servicing Network Enterprise Center unannounced vulnerability scans and assessments on the connected system to determine that security features are in place to protect against unauthorized access or attack.

5. The owning unit or organization acknowledges that this risk acceptance is not a valid replacement for an Approval to Operate (ATO). In the event of any official Army inspections (i.e. CCRI, DAIG etc.) the lack of an official accreditation for AEAWN may result in a negative finding.

6. My POC for this action is Ms. Laretta Bickford, NETCOM IAPM, 520-454- 1206, Laretta.k.bickford.civ@mail.mil.

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