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SUBJECT: Windows 2000 Guidance Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update to the general guidance for the deployment of Windows 2000 in the Department of Defense (DoD) released by this office on May 31, 2000.

In this memorandum, the term "Components" shall apply to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Inspector General of the Department of the Defense, the Defense Agencies and Offices, and all DoD Field Activities.

Since the first Windows 2000 guidance memorandum came out last year, many DoD constituents have conducted a thorough analysis of their operational environments and have developed detailed architectural guidelines and migration plans for Windows 2000 and Active Directory. Although no component is required to migrate to Windows 2000, DoD components ready to deploy Active Directory may do so in accordance with the draft Active Directory Implementation Guidance provided at: http://www.disa.mil/directories.

Adoption of the Active Directory Implementation Guidance will ensure a consistent Windows 2000 Active Directory naming structure within the DoD, thus providing the highest level of interoperability. The Directory Services Working Group of the Defense Information Infrastructure Common Operating Environment Configuration Review and Control Board has facilitated the development of these naming conventions. As a result, DoD Components are no longer required to delay implementation of Windows 2000 Active Directory on production networks.

This memorandum is effective immediately. My point of contact for this action is Mr. Robert F. Lentz, Director of Information Assurance, (703) 695-8705, Robert.Lentz@osd.mil.

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