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Memorandum For: OASD(NII)/DoD CIO DASDs, Principal Directors

Subject: Code of Best Practice for Command and Control (C2) Assessment

A key Department objective is to make well informed decisions regarding investment strategies. This includes concepts, approaches, organizations, processes, and systems, and how they should co-evolve with other elements of mission capability packages.

The Department is committed to an Information Age transformation that depends on the development and assessment of new approaches to C2, as well as new C2 systems/capabilities that facilitate coalition Net-Centric Operations. The ability to assess new C2 concepts and capabilities effectively is a key to maximizing the value of DoD investments in this area.

An analytical Code of Best Practice (COBP) can help ensure that analyses and assessments are properly focused, formulated, structured, conducted, and documented. It also will increase the likelihood that analysis and assessments can be used by others.

Effective immediately, the NATO COBP (available digitally in PDF form at www.dodccrp.org/publications/pdf/NATO_COBP.pdf) is adopted to serve as such a standard within NII. This NATO COBP is the product of international collaboration, drawing together the operational and analytical experience of leading military and civilian defense experts from across the NATO nations. It is in use by at least 8 nations.

Those in NII/CIO responsible for initiating, funding, conducting, and/or overseeing C2-related analyses and assessments should become familiar with the NATO COBP and mandate its use in contracted analyses and assessments wherever applicable.


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