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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
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SUBJECT: Clarification on the Content of DoD Components' Joint  
Technical Architecture (JTA) Implementation Plans

By memorandum, "Implementation of the DoD Joint Technical Architecture," of August 22, 1996, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology and I issued the JTA. In that memorandum, DoD Components were requested to provide a plan outlining their implementation approach. The purpose of this memorandum is to offer information for use in the development of your Component's Implementation Plan. Specifically, I request that you address the following topics:

- management and oversight structure, and processes and responsibilities;  
  
approach to configuration management and control to include ensuring implementation feedback is identified and incorporated;  
  
implementation procedures and the organizations overseeing these;
- approach for using the JTA in specific functional domains, organizational elements, or systems (including existing and new ones), as well as the criteria for migration;
- customer support;
- training and education initiatives;



plans to integrate with other ongoing Component initiatives (e.g., other technical architectures);

strategy for assessing progress towards implementation and interoperability.

Oversight responsibilities and integration guidelines addressing JTA configuration management and evolution, from a Defense-wide perspective, will be provided later.

Please submit your plans to the USD(A&T) and this office by November 30, 1996. Questions regarding the above guidelines should be directed to Mr. Ron Torezan, who is assigned to my Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control and Communications, telephone: (703) 697-9836, and Lt Col Art Decelles, OUSD(A&T), telephone: (703) 578-6160.

  
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