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FROM: SAF/CIO A6
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SUBJECT: Information Technology Acquisition - Mandatory Use of Network Centric Solutions-2 (NETCENTS-2) Contracts - ACTION MEMORANDUM

1. Air Force Information Technology (IT) capabilities and networks must use Air Force (AF) accepted interoperable IT standards to support our increasingly network-centric military operations. To ensure the development and sustainment of such netcentric capabilities, SAF/CIO A6 sponsored the development of requirements for the NETCENTS-2 contracts, which AFPEO/CM and the Electronic Systems Center began awarding in fall 2010. NETCENTS-2 supports the IT lifecycle to include legacy operational and sustainment activities, re-engineering of legacy capabilities into target architectures and environments, and future service-oriented capabilities. Furthermore, NETCENTS-2 facilitates competition by enabling different solution providers to participate over the course of the program lifecycle.
2. The NETCENTS-2 contracts enable delivery of products, services and solutions that adhere to the AF Enterprise Architecture (AF EA). The suite of NETCENTS-2 contracts is described in Atch I and will provide Netcentric Products, NetOps and Infrastructure Solutions, Application Services, IT Professional Support and Engineering Services (Advisory & Assistance Services (A&AS), and Enterprise Integration and Service Management (A&AS). After each of these categories is awarded, the NETCENTS-2 contracts will be available through the AFWAY portal. The URL is <https://www.afway.af.mil/>.
3. As prescribed in AFMAN 33-153, *Information Technology (IT) Asset Management (ITAM)* the NETCENTS-2 contracts are the mandatory source for all USAF units purchasing netcentric, IT products and solutions that fall under the scope of the contracts. Contracting officers will work with the NETCENTS PMO to determine if a requirement for a proposed IT acquisition falls outside the scope of NETCENTS-2 contracts. All IT requirements shall be coordinated with the appropriate functional level (i.e., the communications squadron at base level, A6 at MAJCOM level) prior to submittal for contract action.
4. The NETCENTS-2 contracts will be the primary source used by Air Force customers to support missions that require voice, data, and video communications, information services, solutions, and products. All new and ongoing Air Force acquisition efforts shall address NETCENTS-2 usage in the Acquisition Strategy prior to any contractual action as directed in AFI 63-101/20-101, *Integrated Life Cycle Management*.

5. NETCENTS-2 contracts will follow the fiscal guidance in AFI 65-601 V1 and DOD Financial Management Regulation Volume 2A to determine thresholds for investment funding and proper appropriations for IT resources.

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1 Attachment:

1. NETCENTS-2 Governance Process

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I. Overview of NETCENTS-2 Contracts.

Category	Description
Netcentric Products (COTS Only) (Full and Open Contract)	Networking equipment, servers/storage, peripherals, multimedia, software (shrink wrapped), identity management/biometric hardware and associated software, delivery, warranty, maintenance
NETOPS & Infrastructure Solutions (Full and Open Contract and a Small Business Companion Contract)	Network management/defense, infrastructure, information transport systems, enterprise level security/management and implementation/operations, managed services
Application Services (Full and Open Contract and a Small Business Companion Contract)	Systems sustainment/development, migration, integration and netcentric data services, web services, COTS integration, smart phone apps
Enterprise Integration & Service Management (EISM)-A&AS (Full and Open Contract)	Services to enable enterprise integration service management support for both infrastructure and mission capabilities (enterprise level A&AS support)
IT Professional Support & Engineering Services-A&AS (Small Business Set Aside for Service Disabled Veterans)	IT Program Management Support and Engineering Services (program level A&AS support)

II. NETCENTS-2 and the AF IT Governance Process.

1. The use of the NETCENTS-2 contracts helps the IT governance structure (i.e., the IT Governance Executive Group (ITGEG), and IT Governance Executive Board (ITGEB)) which is led by the Chief Information Officer (CIO). These contracts ensure that programs conform to the strategic goals and vision for Air Force IT transformation and employ common reusable infrastructure. The ITGEG and ITGEB are comprised of representatives of the SAF-level functional organizations, MAJCOMs, and Direct Reporting Units. The ITGEG and ITGEB will also ensure proper alignment of resources and prioritization of requirements for mandatory use of the NETCENTS-2 contracts by Air Force programs. Air Force policy compliance ensures that all task orders include systems engineering practices and technical rigor (in accordance with AFI 63-1201), and conform to the overall Air Force Enterprise Architecture (AF EA). The governance structure

enforces policies associated with Open Technology Development (OTD), Air Force Systems Engineering Assessment Model (AF SEAM) processes, Sufficiency Reviews, and Configuration Management. A program's functional organizations, with Subject Matter Expert (SME) support, perform activities to support this governance. This governance is not additive but employs existing Federal, DoD, and Air Force regulations, policy and processes. NETCENTS-2 executes within the governance process to provide services and solutions which are the product of collaborative engineering design and reuse of existing infrastructure.

2. When buying IT or Netcentric hardware, software, services, or solutions, use the Air Force IT & Netcentric Acquisition Guide to determine if the acquisition falls under an existing enterprise sourcing initiative and associated mandatory use policy. The guide is found on the NETCENTS-2 public web site (see <http://www.netcents.af.mil>). Performance Work Statements and User's Guides for the different NETCENTS-2 contracts are also found on this site and will help to confirm whether the requirement falls within the scope of NETCENTS-2 and is therefore subject to the IT Enterprise Governance process.