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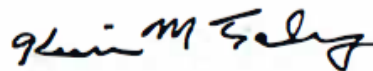
SUBJECT: Establishment of the Chief Information Security Office

In order to improve planning, coordination, synchronization and integration of cyber activities across the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition (OASD(A)), I am immediately standing up the Chief Information Security Office (CISO). Ms. Katie Arrington will lead, oversee, direct and manage the activities of the CISO and serve as the Chief Information Security Officer.

Our adversaries are increasingly focused on using cyber to reduce the effectiveness of Department of Defense weapon systems, critical infrastructure, and supply chain security. In response, the acquisition community requires a focused and streamlined governance approach to support operational mission effectiveness in a cyber-contested environment and at the speed of relevancy. Cyber capabilities are currently dispersed throughout OASD(A). Establishment of the CISO is meant to improve our effectiveness in responding to cyber threats.

The CISO will address the cybersecurity risk to weapon systems and critical infrastructure and allow the Department to move beyond bare minimum assessments that narrowly focus on tracking and coordinating with the Services. The CISO will look beyond assessments and lead development of a Department-wide continuous cyber assessment process that better accounts for cyber vulnerabilities and mitigations that aligns to the Cyber Strategy. Furthermore, the CISO will provide leadership to increase the Department understanding of cyber risks to weapon systems, to prioritize mitigations, and to risks to Combatant Commands to prioritize response and mitigation.

The CISO will be staffed, on an interim basis, by the Director, Cyber and the Director, Advanced Software Acquisition/Provenance, who will provide personnel as directed to advance the mission of the CISO.


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