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ORGANIZATION

White House Communications Agency

- 1. Purpose.** This Circular delineates the mission and organizational relationships of the White House Communications Agency (WHCA).
- 2. Applicability.** This Circular applies to the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) and WHCA, and is furnished to other activities for information.
- 3. Authority.** This Circular is published in accordance with the authority contained in DoD Directive 5105.19, Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), 25 July 2006.
- 4. Command.** The WHCA operates under a dual reporting chain, reporting administratively to DISA and operationally to the White House Military Office (WHMO). WHCA derives its operational mandate from National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD) 28 and NSPD 51/Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 20; National Communications System Directive (NCSA) 3-10 (or succeeding guidance); and section 912 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Pub L. 104-201), as amended by section 906 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2000 for Fiscal Year 2006 (Pub L. 109-163). Responsibility for personnel recruitment and selection is derived from DoD Instruction 5210.87, Selection of DoD Military and Civilian Personnel and Contractor Employees for Assignment to Presidential Support Activities (PSAs). WHCA's role as the information technology provider for WHMO and its subordinate units is defined in WHMO memorandum, Designation as the WHMO Information Technology Service Provider, dated 28 October 2008.
- 5. Mission.** The WHCA provides information services to the President, Vice President, National Security Staff, United States Secret Service, and others, as directed by WHMO, ensuring the ability of each to communicate anywhere, anytime, and by any means to anyone in the world. WHCA is responsible for component functions including recruiting, nomination, security and suitability interviews, and selecting personnel for assignment to their agency.
- 6. Organizational Structure.** The nature of WHCA's mission requires the agency to operate, often concurrently, in multiple, geographically dispersed locations in partnership with a number of other Presidential community of interest partners. The Presidential community of interest is defined for purposes of this Circular as being composed of the U.S. Secret Service, Executive Office of the President, National Security Staff, and WHMO and its component entities.

In order to successfully complete its mission, WHCA is organized into four operational units that are responsible for both the local and travel mission in direct support of the President and others and seven supporting staff directorates that manage critical support functions; such as, planning, budgeting, engineering, and acquisitions. The operational units are the Presidential Communications Command (PCC), Special Missions Command (SMC), Visual Information Command (VIC), and Washington Area Communications Command (WACC). The staff directorates are Personnel (J1), Security (J2), Operations (J3), Logistics (J4), Future Systems (J5), Enterprise Architecture, Strategic Planning, and Systems Engineering (J6), and Resource Management (J7). WHCA's Command Group directs the activities of all command and staff elements, with administrative support from DISA; supports and serves as a trusted strategic partner to the Director of WHMO; and collaborates with members of the Presidential community of interest.

7. Service Provision. The WHCA provides a broad array of communication and information services to a number of customers: senior national leaders, Executive Office of the President, White House Military Office, U.S. Secret Service, and others in support of the President's roles as Commander-in-Chief, Head of State, and Head of Government. These services are provided in numerous locations, including the White House, National Capital Region, Camp David, President's and Vice President's private residences, White House senior staff residences, and wherever in the world the President, Vice President, or White House senior staff may travel. WHCA must balance the integration of innovative, customer-desired technologies with the ability to operate on-demand, in any environment--from normal to emergency conditions. The WHCA service portfolio is summarized as follows:.

7.1 Senior Leader Communications (secure, nonsecure, mobile, fixed): senior leader conferencing, command and control voice and video, DoD record messaging, and Head of State.

7.2 Broadcast and Audio-Visual Support: on-demand multimedia content delivery, broadcast studio production, and Presidential broadcast archive.

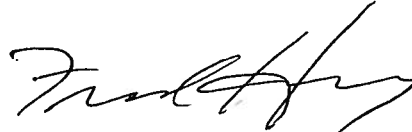
7.3 Transport: global ground entry point satellite services, highly available wide area networking, and survivable wide area networking.

7.4 Information Technology (IT) Enterprise Services: unified capabilities, enterprise knowledge console, enterprise mobility, legacy voice, information technology, IT support operations, and WHMO IT provider.

7.5 Deployable Integrated Services: trip site support and ground mobility.

8. Administrative Support and Oversight. The DISA provides administrative support to WHCA to include auditing, budgeting, funding, acquisition planning and review, contracting support, manpower and personnel management, legal counsel, and functional oversight. Acquisition authority has been delegated to the Commander, WHCA, who has been

designated by the DISA Component Acquisition Executive as a Senior Decision Authority under the DISA Instruction 610-225-2, Acquisition Oversight and Management. WHCA contracting personnel hold limited warrants issued by the DISA Head of Contracting Activity (HCA). Finance technical support is provided via the DISA Home Team.



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