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Network Modernization

Future Strategy for DISN

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Defense Information Systems Network - Today

- **Supports global DoD communications infrastructure**
 - Fielding as Global Information Grid – Bandwidth Expansion (GIG-BE), circa 2003
 - Modernizations associated with Joint Information Environment (JIE), circa 2011
- **Global reach and capabilities**
 - Supports DoD and Allied Nations on a global scale
 - Terrestrial, satellite gateways and expeditionary capabilities
 - Core technical areas: network infrastructure, secure gateways and control systems
- **'Personas' of the DISN**
 - Global Telecommunications Provider for DoD → Providing secure, always on telecommunications services to mission users
 - Large Enterprise (.mil) Network → Support for over 3M users
 - 'Content Provider' Network → Ensuring secure delivery of cloud capabilities to DoD



Modernization Strategy - Future

- **Priority #1: Clear 'Technical Debt' from core infrastructure**
 - Removal of legacy technologies from core infrastructure
 - Support delivery to customers, remove legacy from backbone
- **Priority #2: Ensure 'Cloud Ready' infrastructure**
 - Seamless interconnections to cloud providers
 - Ensure secure, unconstrained movement of data between DoD and cloud providers
- **Priority #3: Alignment with current commercial modernization trends**
 - Leverage global network expansions associated with 5G, Fiber Deep Networks, etc.
 - Ensure supplier engagement is framed with current terms
 - Application of modern automation, instrumentation technologies to network infrastructure



Modernization Strategy – Enabling Technologies

- **Automation and control infrastructure**
 - Complexity of environment exceeds standard human processing → required
 - Enables rapid provisioning of services to meet user demand
 - Ensures DISA can meet Service Level Agreement (SLA) thresholds
- **Network Capacity**
 - Increases to 400G/800G optical capability
 - Increases to 400G routed infrastructure
 - Expansions of existing infrastructure
 - Access to ‘on-demand’ capacity services



Modernization Strategy – Conclusions

- **DoD Network infrastructure of tomorrow**
 - Always On → Robust, diverse global footprint to meet DoD mission needs
 - Seamless Connectivity → organic connections to cloud providers
 - Fully Automated → Use of software automation tools to assist network
 - Instrumented → Ability to provide real time visibility of network infrastructure
 - Secure → Commitment to cyber security, ensure mission readiness

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