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**MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS**

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Core Enterprise Technology Agreements for Microsoft 365/ Office 365 and On-Premises Products

Reference: "Department of Defense Directive 8470.01E, "DoD Executive Agent for Commercial Software Product Management of Core Enterprise Technology Agreements," dated September 6, 2018

The acquisition of Information Technology (IT) in the Department of Defense (DoD) is often fragmented resulting in duplicate contracts being awarded that fail to leverage the buying power of the entire Department. To help address this issue, DoD has awarded contracts for the Defense Enterprise Office Solution (DEOS) Program and the DoD Enterprise Software Agreement (ESA) both with sufficient scope to satisfy the requirements of the DoD enterprise. These contract vehicles will serve as the single entry point for all Microsoft software purchases by DoD, enabling Department-wide adoption of commercial Microsoft 365/ Office 365 cloud capabilities and procurement and maintenance of on-premise Microsoft software requirements.

DEOS and DoD ESA are in the process of being designated as Core Enterprise Technology Agreements (CETAs). Once finalized, these purchasing vehicles will be mandatory for all DOD components and agencies and will use decentralized component-level funding. In anticipation of completion of the CETA approval process, components and agencies are directed to transition to DEOS for Microsoft 365/ Office 365 cloud based licenses at the earliest opportunity or as existing contracts expire. Additionally, if an existing agreement for on-premises Microsoft software capabilities is expiring or has expired, DoD Components are directed to transition to the DoD ESA at the earliest opportunity. Prior to any DoD Components executing a solution that does not use the DEOS or DoD ESA purchasing agreements, a request and justification for that decision will be submitted to DoD Chief Information Officer for consideration. My point of contact for this effort is Mr. Kevin Tate, at (571) 372-4899, (571) 218-9666 (cell), or kevin.w.tate.civ@mail.mil.

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