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FROM: AF SAE (SAF/AQ) and AF CIO (SAF/CIO A6)

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 will award beginning 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 enables different solution providers to participate over the course of the program lifecycle to facilitate competition.

2. The NETCENTS-2 contracts enable the 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 1 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). Access to NETCENTS-2 will be through the existing AFWAY portal until AFWAY-II is deployed. The URL is <https://afway.af.mil/>.


3. Except for the IT Professional Support and Engineering Services contracts, the NETCENTS-2 contracts will be the mandatory source for all USAF units purchasing netcentric and IT products and solutions that fall under the scope of the contracts. Contracting officers will determine if a requirement for a proposed IT acquisition falls under the scope of the NETCENTS-2 contracts. IT requirements shall be coordinated with the appropriate functional level, i.e., communications squadron at base level, A6 at MAJCOM level, prior to submittal for contract action. Furthermore, program managers/requirements owners shall ensure that requirements documentation for new contracts awarded outside of NETCENTS-2 include the instruction to use the NETCENTS-2 contracts, when available, as the source for IT hardware purchases. This mandatory use policy will not apply to the acquisition of embedded software/systems (e.g., Cryptography Modernization, Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS), Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS)), Nuclear Command and Control (NC3) systems, or hardware


purchased under the following IT Commodity Council and other enterprise initiatives: Quantum Enterprise Buy, Digital Printing and Imagery, and Enterprise Software Initiative. Air Force automated IT equipment and service buys are exempt from this policy if they are acquiring IT and services through the Federal Automated IT contract. Finally, Air Force IT assets under the cognizance of the Special Access Program Coordination Office (SAPCO) are exempt from this policy.

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 appropriated fund (APF) acquisition efforts shall incorporate NETCENTS-2 into their acquisition strategy. Deviation from this policy will require written approval from the appropriate governance body (see Atch 1).

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.

6. The AF-SAE has delegated the waiver approval authority to the USAF CIO. SAF/A6 is the USAF CIO and the only waiver approval authority for NETCENTS-2 and this authority may not be delegated further. All waiver requests must be submitted to the CIO via SAF/A6N ([safa6nworkflow@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:safa6nworkflow@pentagon.af.mil)) for processing and the NETCENTS-2 PMO [netcents2waiver@gunter.af.mil](mailto:netcents2waiver@gunter.af.mil) for tracking, for adjudication at the appropriate level (Tab 2). At a minimum, the request for waiver should include the following information: basic information, justification, and Point of Contact. A sample is provided in Atch 2. Questions regarding this action memorandum can be directed to AFPEO EIS/HIK Program Manager, Stephen Davis, DSN 596-3839, [netcents2waiver@gunter.af.mil](mailto:netcents2waiver@gunter.af.mil).

  
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2 Attachments:

1. Waiver and Governance Process
2. Sample Waiver Request Letter