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SUBJECT: Primary Sponsorship of the National Information Exchange Model

Effective January 1, 2019, primary sponsorship of the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) transitioned from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer (DoD CIO).

NIEM governance consists of an Executive Steering Council (ESC) and a NIEM Management Office (NMO). The ESC exercises leadership, provides guidance, and establishes policy. The NMO provides day-to-day operational leadership. The ESC is chaired by the Deputy CIO for Information Enterprise with membership by senior executives from DHS, Department of Justice, and Health, Human Services and JS/J6. NIEM partners participate at the ESC to ensure adequate representation and provide participating partner requirements. The NMO is led by the Deputy Director, Cyber and Command, Control, Communications and Computers Integration (DD C5I), Joint Staff J6.

The Department looks forward to sustaining the quality performance of DHS in forging partnerships, advancing data-driven solutions, and executing best practices to shape the next evolution of NIEM that supports emerging technologies. Your continued interest and support to shape the way ahead are greatly appreciated and welcome. My point of contact for this matter is N. Thomas Lam, (571) 372-4686, ngoan.t.lam.civ@mail.mil.

  
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