**INFORMATION PAPER**

**ISAF Joint Command (IJC) Requirements of Physical Connectivity of the Afghan Mission Network (UNCLASSIFIED) to the Ministry of Defense (MoD) Network**

**INTRODUCTION:**

A new ISAF senior command structure now consists of a higher operational headquarters. COMISAF headquarters is commanded by a four-star flag officer. The IJC commander is a three-star flag level headquarters subordinate to COMISAF. This three-star headquarters is called the ISAF Joint Command (IJC). Both headquarters are located in Kabul, the IJC headquarters is located at the Kabul International Airport (KAIA). The IJC reached full operational capability early in 2010.

**AIM:**

This paper proposes a fundamental strategy supporting the requirements of the IJC, the MoD, and ultimately the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIRoA) providing connectivity, access, and data exchange capacity to the Afghan mission network (UNCLASSIFIED) prior to the convergence of the Afghan MoD and MoI communications networks.

**END STATE:**

The desired End State is to provide operational enterprise connectivity from the IJC to Afghan and other coalition partners utilizing the official Afghan mission network (UNCLASSIFIED), thereby providing faster and more reliable information exchanges at the regional, corps and national command levels.

**MIGRATION STRATEGY:**

Provide a comprehensive proposal to the IJC J6 to extend Communications and Electronics Command (CECOM)’s, Systems Engineering Technical and Assistance (SETA) contract vehicle to provide direct support, program management, and project oversight of the IJC Afghan mission network (UNCLASSIFIED).

In addition, propose a pliable statement of work which allows for the phased expansion of services based upon the operational requirements of the IJC and the oversight necessary to sufficiently support the regional expansion of the Afghan mission network (UNCLASSIFIED) to the MoD and coalition partners.

**FUNDING MODELS:**

The IJC has the unique option of exercising “budgetary flexibility” based upon its dual responsibility as both the deputy command of all U.S. Forces throughout Afghanistan, and the deputy command of all North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and coalition forces within Afghanistan. Funding sources exist via both Title 10 and Title 22 resources.

**WAY AHEAD:**

Provide a comprehensive proposal to the IJC J6 (COL Dedham) that clearly illustrates a feasible and cost-effective option to expand a current contract vehicle facilitating the personnel resources required to establish project management and program oversight over the IJC’s operational requirements supporting the ANSF and Afghan mission network (UNCLASSIFIED).

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**CONCLUSION:**

The IJC is a three-star flag-level headquarters that directs and supports a significant amount of operational resources throughout Afghanistan. Providing the IJC with assets and capacity to establish the Afghan mission network (UNCLASSIFIED) data exchange capability will greatly enhance the command and control capabilities of the GIRoA and improve national and international security milestones.

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