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Certificate of Networkiness (CoN)

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FOR Designated Approving Authority, Deputy to Commander/Senior Technical Director/Chief Engineer, Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM)

DECISION PAPER

Product: Desktop Alert Total Alert System (DTA) 5.1

Cert#: 201312770

Requestor: HQDA ACSIM has requested this Certificate of Networkiness for Desktop Alert Total Alert System (DTA) 5.1 to be used as an installation mass notification system.

Recommendation: **Approve**

Factors:

a. Background:

Desktop Alert Total Alert System (DTA) 5.1 is a commercially developed mass notification system used to provide warning and instructions to personnel in emergency situations. DTA can contact installation computer users at their desktop and require them to confirm receipt of the alert flashed on the computer screen. The alerts can be for any emergency situation such as: inclement weather notifications, fires, active shooters, attacks, etc.

The DTA system utilizes a Web server located within the enclave and uses a back-end database for data storage. DTA uses read only forward facing load balanced servers behind a firewall. This application is installed on the end user's PC to allow the receiving of alert pop-ups. A client portion polls the Web server every 15 seconds to see if there is an alert posted on the Web server. If an alert has been posted it will pop up on the user's screen. The user can then hit an "X" on the pop-up window which will close the alert. Clicking the "X" also populates a count of how many users received and read the alert. DTA 5.1 has a faster alert time than previous versions allowing alerts to be received within 30 seconds. This version uses less bandwidth and includes expanded reporting capabilities. Patches and updates are provided by Desktop Alert and are deployed by the NEC. The client portion was evaluated on AGM Vista. This portion also supports 32-bit and 64-bit Windows 7. DTA operates on a specialized platform.

b. Facts:

- Version 5.1 provides critical security patches.

c. Restrictions:

1. Implementation of Desktop Alert Total Alert System (DTA) 5.1 is restricted to locations identified on the Army - DTA Installations list attached to this Certificate of Networkiness, as provided by ACSIM.

d. CoN Type: Limited

e. Functional Category: Communications

This CoN will expire: 3/15/2015

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DAA Additional Comments:

Changes to the configuration, hardware, software, connectivity, or other modification will invalidate this Certificate of Networkiness. The Program Manager is responsible for ensuring that an updated Memorandum of Agreement or System Level Agreement which will address patch management is in place prior to fielding of this system.

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