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Army’s Common Operating Environment (COE)

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Operating Environment

• Uncertain futures & threats outpace our ability to create & field affordable, effective systems
  – Change happens – we need to design for it
  – Adaptability, trustability and affordability must be considered
  – Need to have agility in dealing with requirements change
  – Long design times – exacerbate uncertain future problems, overload designs, and lock out new technologies
COE is an approved set of computing technologies and standards that enable secure and interoperable applications to be rapidly developed and executed across a variety of Computing Environments.

Source: Army CIO/G6 COE App C
COE Implementation Goals

• Standards-based / Industry-driven solutions IAW the CIO/G6 Technical Architecture
• Single Foundation within a Computing Environment (CE)
  − Strategic approach to software re-use
• Abstract software applications from HW/SW infrastructure
  − Reduce lifecycle cost improve supportability
• Foster an agile environment that enables 3rd party development
  − Direct user involvement in Apps development
• Reduce testing and certification timelines
  − Improve speed to market
• Leverage government labs/support structures to fullest extent

Promote innovation and aggressively pursue efficiencies
Resilient Architecture Design is essential to our Business

- Scope of COE implementation requires systematic and manageable approach
- Clustering similar systems based on mission environments to facilitate implementation
Resilient Design

• Build redundancy, flexibility and adaptability into the architecture
  – Leverage Cloud concepts and capabilities
  – Open architectures
• Build robust foundations that is Cyber hardened and resilient
• Leverage process and technology to take on trustability
  – Attribute based identity management
• Built in smart technologies to continuously gauge the health and state of the network.
• Using real live date to model the deployed network to conduct what-if drills.
• Method to dynamically quarantine, isolate and update capability in a deployed state
Establishing the Environment for Resilient Design

• Establish the environment to conduct design trades and product evaluations
  – C4ISR Center of Excellence – Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland

• Methodology to evaluate product designs - especially for COTS products

• Architecture through modeling and simulation

• Benchmark testing of critical components
  – Component Labs across the ARMY R&D community

• Instrumented virtual and live environments
  – Ft. Bliss, TX - Agile Testing & Evaluation environment
Acquisition Objectives – for the COE

The Army's COE Implementation Strategy is ..

not only addressing fixing interoperability within the Force, but also accounts for critical strategic level goals as well

- Achieve agility on how we deliver capabilities to the Warfighter faster (Vice Chief of Staff, 14 Apr 2011)
- Reduce the life cycle cost of development and sustainment of our IT systems (DoD Efficiency Initiatives, 16 Aug 2010)
- Promote an Open Architecture that is standards based which leverages industries best practices and products while reserving government purpose rights (Implementation Directive for Better Buying Power, 3 Nov 2010)
- Build on a foundation that is cyber hardened and secure (Cyber Command)