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SUBJECT: Army Directive 2016-18 (Divesting Legacy Information Technology Hardware, Software, and Services in Support of the Army Network)

1. The Army is aggressively modernizing its enterprise network to improve network operations and delivery of services while increasing security and reducing the total cost of ownership. Critical to this effort is the elimination of legacy information technology (IT) hardware, software, and services. Legacy IT is IT that has no functional benefit to the Army's network upon delivery of modernized technology. Legacy IT includes duplicate networks, equipment replaced during integration with the Joint Information Environment, unnecessary and unused software, and IT services that no longer fulfill a requirement. Elimination of costs associated with operating and maintaining unnecessary legacy IT will increase resources available to operate the modernized network.

2. Effective immediately, all Army commands, organizations, and activities will implement the policy detailed in enclosure 1. A list of applicable references is in enclosure 2.

3. This directive applies to the Active Army, Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and U.S. Army Reserve.

4. The Army Chief Information Officer/G-6 is the proponent for the policy in this directive and will incorporate the policy into the next iteration of Army Regulation 25-1 (Army Information Technology).

5. This directive is rescinded upon issuance of the final administrative publication.

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DIVESTING LEGACY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE ARMY NETWORK

1. Purpose. This directive provides guidance to all Army organizations for the elimination of legacy information technology (IT) hardware, software, and services.

2. Background. In support of the Army Network Campaign Plan, the Army is aggressively modernizing the enterprise network to improve network operations and service delivery while increasing security and reducing the total cost of ownership. Critical to this effort is the elimination of legacy IT hardware, software, and services. As defined by this policy, legacy IT is not identified based on time since certification to operate on the network (see reference a). Instead, legacy IT is IT that has no functional benefit to the Army's network because the adoption of modernized technology has made it obsolete. Legacy IT includes duplicate networks, equipment replaced during integration with the Joint Information Environment, unnecessary and unused software, and IT services that no longer fulfill a requirement. Elimination of costs associated with operating and maintaining unnecessary legacy IT will increase resources available to operate the modernized network.

3. Scope. This policy applies to:

a. the Active Army, Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and U.S. Army Reserve.

b. all Army IT networks and IT infrastructure (computing systems, servers, transport circuits, switches, routers, software (including applications), supporting IT hardware and software licenses and services, operations, and maintenance contracts).

4. Policy. All Army senior IT leaders (typically, the command G-6 or network enterprise center director) will review their networks and enclaves to implement the following tasks.

a. Divest legacy IT equipment as it is replaced by new IT equipment and associated capabilities. Review the approved and removed products lists at the Defense Information Systems Agency's Approved Products List Tracking System Web site (https://aplits.disa.mil) to ensure that any new IT equipment is approved for use. Decommission unnecessary switches and routers.

b. Ensure that the divestiture of IT equipment aligns with the Army's implementation of black core network architecture for modernization to multiprotocol label switching. Decommission post, camp, and station enclaves when multiprotocol label switching black core architecture is available for use.

c. Terminate contracts for legacy hardware, software, or IT services that are no longer in use or that updated versions have replaced. To prevent unnecessary

expenses related to contract terminations, ensure that the cost of early termination does not exceed the cost of continuing the contract through its expiration date.

d. Make sure contract option years are not exercised for IT hardware, software, or services no longer in use.

e. Ensure that hardware and software from existing contracts continue to meet current cybersecurity requirements and comply with Security Technical Implementation Guides for the duration of their use.

f. Verify that operation and maintenance costs are not being paid on unused hardware or software, including applications and circuits.

g. Ensure that divested equipment is removed from corporate databases and contracts that support the equipment.

h. Delete the divested equipment from the Army Portfolio Management Solution database.

I. Dispose of unused equipment above the level the command established for contingency stock (inventory held to meet ad hoc requirements or unexpected demand) or transfer the equipment to a location of need, as long as the equipment is deemed necessary in accordance with paragraph 4a of this enclosure and meets security standards established in Army Regulation 25-2, Department of the Army Pamphlet 25-1-1, and related IT security documents.

j. Make sure procedures for disposition and data sanitization of IT follow the requirements in Army Regulation 25-2, Department of the Army Pamphlet 25-1-1, and applicable cybersecurity best business practices available at https://tiny.army.mil/r/TIWGG/milSuiteIABBPs.

k. Obtain and follow official disposition instructions from the Defense Logistics Agency as appropriate (go to http://www.dispositionservices.dla.mil).

5. Compliance. In accordance with AR 25-1, Army organizations will ensure that all IT is accounted for in the Army Portfolio Management Solution (APMS), the Army's authoritative data source for IT. Commands are responsible for validating and updating IT investments and expenses in APMS each fiscal quarter as the divestiture of IT proceeds. The Office of the Chief Information Officer/G-6 will track the divestiture of Army IT via APMS data trends.

6. Review. No later than 1 June 2016, the Chief Information Officer/G-6 will review this guidance for the inclusion of appropriate content in the next update of AR 25-1.

7. Points of Contact.

a. For policy questions, contact the CIO/G-6 Policy Inbox at usarmy.pentagon.hqda-cio-g-6.mbx.policy-inbox@mail.mil.

b. For use of APMS, contact the APMS Help Desk at usarmy.apg.cecom.mbx.aitr-help.

REFERENCES

a. Title 10, U.S. Code, Armed Forces, Section 2222(e)(2).

b. Army Regulation 25-1 (Army Information Technology), 25 June 2013.

c. Army Regulation 25-2 (Information Assurance), 24 October 2007, Including Rapid Action Revision Issued 23 March 2009.

d. Department of the Army Pamphlet 25-1-1 (Army Information Technology Implementation Instructions), 26 September 2014.

e. Headquarters, Department of the Army Chief Information Officer/G-6, Army Network Campaign Plan: 2020 & Beyond, February 2015.