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12 March 2004

ITP Meeting 2004-02  
Held at the Joint Interoperability Test  
Command Test Center, Indian Head, Maryland  
0900 Hours, 12 March 2004

1. Members:

Acting Chairperson:	Lt Col Morrow
JS-J6I	Lt Col Morrow
JS-J3	Did Not Attend
USA	LTC Pennington
USAF	Lt Col Glogowski
USN	CDR Lazarski
USMC	Mr. Joe Johnson Mr. Eldon Perkins Mr. John Linnstaedt
DISA-JITC	Mr. Bob Hickman, Executive Agent Mr. Joe Peeples, Recording Secretary
DIA	Did Not Attend
DISA	Mr. Lyndon Johnson
NSA	Col William Coffey
OSD/DOT&E	Did Not Attend
JFCOM	Did Not Attend
OUSD/AT&L	Did Not Attend
OASD-NII	Mr. Bill Evans
USCG	Mr. Paul Arnstein

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2. Other Attendees Present:

Lt Col. Gary Grigorian, USAF  
Lt Col. Theresa Katein, USAF  
LCDR Dave Gedra, USN  
LCDR Michael Wojcik, USN  
LCDR Patrick Smith, USN  
Capt Brian Heberlie, USAF  
Mr. Pat Cushing, OPNAV N61C4  
Ms. Jacque Zachgo, USA  
Mr. Donald Meadows, USN OPNAV  
Mr. Stu Brock, JITC  
Mr. Jerry Eddy, USAF  
Mr. George McVeigh, J6I  
Mr. John Giorgio JR, USA  
Mr. Jonathon Wilt, USN  
Ms. Mary Forbes, J6C

3. Lt Col Morrow opened the meeting and conducted personnel introductions. Joe Peebles provided administrative information.

The ITP meeting minutes for 23 January 2004 were presented and approved with one change. Lt Col Morrow requested the minutes be revised to reflect the attendance of Mr. Jerry Eddy as the USAF representative instead of Lt Col Glogowski. These meeting minutes and the enclosures are at the ITP web site:

<http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil>.

4. Scheduled Business:

a. **Interim Certificate To Operate (ICTO) Briefs:**

(1) **INTECOM PointSpan** - Navy does not plan to upgrade the PointSpan to meet DoD requirements. The Navy recommended that the ITP deny this ICTO and the ITP formally denied this ICTO request and forwarded that information to J6C for a decision on

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whether to allow the PointSpan to remain connected to DSN until the Navy can replace it with a certified switch or to direct DISA to terminate DSN service.

(2) **Combatant Commanders VTC HUB** - After discussion with SOUTHCOM via teleconference and remarks by JITC (LCDR Wojcik) on plans for testing this system, the ITP approved an ICTO extension through 30 June 2005. The ICTO will list the equipment covered by this ICTO that JITC must test.

(3) **JEMPTS-NT** - JFCOM (Charlie Triplett), via teleconference, introduced Rod Hallum (JITC Liaison to JFCOM). Mr. Hallum said that he did not speak for JFCOM but Mr. Triplett had asked him to help define to the ITP what constituted JEMPRS-NT. Mr. Hallum said that he initially thought that JEMPRS-NT was a C2 system but that it could also be a Collaboration Tool. After thinking about it, he decided that it was neither. Mr. Hallum attempted to tell the ITP that JEMPRS-NT was not a system but a component and that it did not require interoperability certification. It is just commercial off-the-shelf equipment connected to IMARSAT. Mr. Hickman asked Mr. Hallum if this was a JITC position and he responded "No." Mr. Triplett proposed that he and Mr. Hallum return at the next ITP meeting to present a briefing that would convince the ITP that JEMPRS-NT was not a system that had interoperability requirements. Lt Col Morrow did

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not accept that position and tasked JFCOM to return at the 21 May 2004 ITP meeting with a plan for how they will produce an ISP, get JS certification of their NR-KPP (in the ISP), and get JITC test certification completed for the current version of JEMPRS-NT. Lt Col Morrow recommended to the ITP that the ITP extend the ICTO for JEMPRS-NT until 21 May 2004. At the May ITP meeting, the ITP can extend this ICTO on the ITP approved plan for completing the interoperability requirements.

(4) **F-16, Block 50, Operational Flight Program Version**

**3.3A+** - The Air Force (Jerry Eddy) provided a briefing showing that the F-16 3.3A had been scheduled for joint interoperability testing but had been withdrawn when internal Air Force developmental testing of a newer version took priority. They requested that the ITP issue an ICTO for version 3.3A (first F-16 version to implement Link-16) and that they would bring the next version 3.4 in for testing. The ITP determined that an ICTO was not appropriate in this case since the Air Force did not plan to submit version 3.3 to testing. The ITP, with ASD/NII concurrence, provided clarification that the Air Force was really asking for was an exemption from DoD Interoperability Policy and that they would need to submit a request to ASD/NII for a waiver to the policy in DoDD 4630.5. The Air Force accepted that position and withdrew their ICTO request.

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(5) **DCAPES** - The Air Force briefed via VTC their program for achieving interoperability certification including their plan for generating an ISP and getting JS certification of their requirements. Since it appears the Air Force is on track, the ITP extended the ICTO until 23 July 2004 and requested the Air Force provide an update at the 23 July 2004 ITP meeting showing where they are in this process.

(6) **AN/APX-118 IFF Common Digital Transponder system** - the Navy briefed their plan for requirements certification and JITC test certification of the APX-118. Testing is currently being coordinated with C2 Division. The ITP approved this request and issued an ICTO through 30 September 2004.

**NOTE:** The Navy voting representative requested that the ITP forward all Navy ICTOs submitted to the ITP directly from Program Managers to his office for determination of a Navy position before they are presented to the ITP. The other Service/Agency voting members agreed with this position. The ITP Executive Agent/Recording Secretary will forward any ICTO requests to the respective Service/Agency voting member prior to issuing to the ITP members for processing.

(7) **First Responder** - The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel, briefed their program. The ITP approved this request and issued ICTO through 30 Sept, with the understanding that this version of First Responder does not connect to DSN.

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b. **GCCS-AF** - The Air Force briefed the ITP on GCCS-AF and stated that the Air Force is still deciding whether GCCS-AF will be a system of record or whether the Air Force will only field GCCS-J. They are using GCCS-J as a platform for DCAPES and they may not have an Air Force version of GCCS. They have submitted DCAPES as an Air Force program (see agenda item above). The Air Force will determine their final position and submit an ICTO request for GCCS-AF as required prior to the next ITP meeting.

c. **JITC Pre-Brief of the JITC Semi-Annual Status of Interoperability Testing update to the MCEB. This status update to cover C2 System Interoperability Certification Status** - JITC C2 Division provided their draft MCEB brief on the status of interoperability testing concerning the functional area of C2. The ITP recommended updating the brief based on the current status of requirements certification of some systems as identified at today's meeting (GCCS-J, GCCS-M and DCAPES) and to make some changes to the briefing format. This brief will be updated and provided to J6I for determination of which MCEB cycle to present.

d. **JITC Brief on Status of Service/Agency participation in Joint Interoperability Tactical Data Link Testing** - JITC C2 Division presented a brief showing that for calendar year 2004,

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the Navy is only supporting two joint tests and that for calendar year 2005 no Navy support has been identified. The ITP discussed this and the Navy item below at the same time. The Navy stated they have implemented a "balanced approach" to support joint tests in that they will defer some Navy testing in order to support some joint testing. They have not determined that they will support all joint testing. They have submitted AEGIS 6.3 for JIT 04-04 as a system under test. If AEGIS 6.3 passes, they will use AEGIS 6.3 as a supporting unit for JIT 04-05. Currently, there are no Navy support units for JIT 04-06 and forward. The Navy stated that they would be unable to determine which fiscal year 2005 tests they can support until September 2004. JIT 04-06 is in October 2004 so it falls into fiscal year 2005. JITC stated that identifying a participant for JIT 04-06 would need more than "a few weeks" notice in order to adjust the test procedures. The Navy will keep JITC informed. The Navy also stated that they intend to submit their ACDS 10.26 to Navy test in June 2004, and if it passes, then to Joint testing possibly for JIT 04-06. Once it passes Joint certification, the Navy intends to use ACDS 10.26 to support joint tests. This Navy plan does not have JITC concurrence nor does it meet the joint interoperability certification testing requirements as defined in CJCSI 6212.01C. The ITP asked JITC to update the briefing to

make it clear that even this minimal Navy plan hinges on AEGIS 6.3 passing the joint test and/or ACDS 10.26 also passing the joint test. The Joint Staff J6I will take the updated JITC briefing, review the proposed Navy plan, and determine whether to raise the issue to the MCEB.

e. **Navy C2 Participation in Joint Interoperability**

**Certification Testing** - This item was addressed during discussion of item 3d above.

f. **GCCS-J** - The DISA GCCS-J program managers office presented a briefing that shows their plan for obtaining JS certification of GCCS-J requirements and joint certification. They are establishing a WIPT to generate a GCCS-J ISP with an NR-KPP and will submit it to the JCPAT-E for JS validation. Testing of GCCS-J is scheduled. This briefing was in response to the previous ITP, which issued an ICTO for GCCS-J through 30 November 2004 with the condition that the program manager brief the ITP on how they would meet interoperability requirements certification.

The WIPT will be established on or about 1 April 2004. The GCCS-J program manager will come back to the ITP for an extension if they cannot complete joint certification prior to the 30 November 2004 expiration of their ICTO.

g. **Air Force Accelerated Test Requirements** - JITC briefed options for meeting Air Force test requirements. JITC will

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accommodate alternate methods of testing for any Service/Agency as required. The bottom line is that Services/Agencies need to identify their requirements and work with JITC to find acceptable methods of completing joint interoperability testing.

h. **Expired and soon to expire ICTOs** - The STP expiring ICTO report was provided to members with a request for review and comment on how to resolve the ICTOs that have expired or will expire soon. The ITP Executive Agent is responsible to collect comments, update the list, and resolve all expired ICTO issues. In the future, the Executive Agent will provide this report as a read-ahead and expect positions from the members at the meeting.

i. **New Business** - No New Business was presented.

j. **Meeting Summary** - The ITP Chairman summarized all actions identified in the above paragraphs. The next ITP meeting will be **Friday, 21 May 2004** starting at 0900 at the JITC, Indian Head, Maryland, Naval Surface Warfare Center.

5. The point of contact and Executive Agent for ITP actions is Mr. Robert Hickman, Commercial (301) 744-2667, DSN 354-2667 or e-mail: [ITP\\_EA@ncr.disa.mil](mailto:ITP_EA@ncr.disa.mil) or [hickmanr@ncr.disa.mil](mailto:hickmanr@ncr.disa.mil). The Recording Secretary is Mr. Joe Peeples, Commercial (301) 744-2802, DSN 354-2802, or e-mail: [peeplesj@ncr.disa.mil](mailto:peeplesj@ncr.disa.mil). Upon approval, these minutes, along with all attachments, will be posted on the JITC ITP web site.