SUBJECT: DoD Executive Agent (EA) for the DoD Cyber Crime Center (DC3)

References: See Enclosure 1

1. PURPOSE. This Directive:

   a. Directs the establishment of DC3 as an entity within the Department of the Air Force and establishes the functions of DC3.

   b. Designates the Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) as EA for DC3, including its subordinate digital and multimedia forensics laboratory services and cyber investigative training services, in accordance with DoD Directive (DoDD) 5101.1 (Reference (a)).

   c. Pursuant to section 125 and in accordance with section 376 of title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.) (Reference (b)), establishes DC3 policy and assigns responsibilities for the centralized coordination of cyber investigative training and digital and multimedia forensics, including research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) and collaboration with other U.S. Government and private industry organizations.

   d. Incorporates and cancels Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandums (References (c) and (d)).

2. APPLICABILITY. This Directive applies to:

   a. OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD), the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the “DoD Components”).

   b. The United States Coast Guard. The United States Coast Guard will adhere to DoD cybersecurity requirements, standards, and policies in this issuance in accordance with the
direction in Paragraphs 4a, b, c, and d of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security (Reference (w)).

3. DEFINITIONS. See Glossary.

4. POLICY. It is DoD policy that the DC3 shall:

   a. Serve as one of the designated national cyber centers in accordance with National Security Presidential Directive 54/Homeland Security Presidential Directive 23 (Reference (e)).

   b. Serve as the DoD Center of Excellence and establish DoD standards for digital and multimedia forensics in coordination with the DoD Components.

   c. Develop and provide specialized cyber investigative training for DoD and non-DoD personnel, as authorized.

   d. Serve as the operational focal point for Defense Industrial Base (DIB) cyber security (CS) and information assurance (IA) information sharing and digital forensics analysis activities performed to protect unclassified DoD information -- as defined in the Glossary -- that transits or resides on unclassified DIB information systems and networks.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES. See Enclosure 2.

6. RELEASABILITY. Cleared for public release. This directive is available on the Directives Division Website at http://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/.

7. SUMMARY OF CHANGE 1. The changes to this issuance are administrative and update organizational titles and references for accuracy.
8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Directive is effective March 1, 2010.

Enclosures

1. References
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ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES

(b) Sections 125 and 376 of title 10, United States Code, as amended
(c) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, “Department of Defense Computer Forensics Laboratory (DCFL), and Department of Defense Computer Investigations Training Program (DCITP),” August 17, 2001 (hereby canceled)
(f) DoD Directive 5144.02, “DoD Chief Information Officer (DoD CIO),” November 21, 2014
(k) DoD Directive 5143.01, “Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USD(I)),” November 23, 2005, as amended
(m) DoD Directive 5240.01, “DoD Intelligence Activities,” August 27, 2007, as amended
(q) DoD Instruction 3025.21, “Defense Support of Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies,” February 27, 2013
(r) Sections 1535 and 1536 of title 31, United States Code

1 Copies of this classified document are available to authorized personnel upon request to DHS.
(w) Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Defense and The Department of Homeland Security Regarding Department of Defense and U.S. Coast Guard Cooperation on Cybersecurity and Cyberspace Operations, January 19, 2017

3 Available at https://dcms.usecg.afpims.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-C4IT-CG-6-/The-Office-of-Information-Management-CG-61/Interagency-Agreements/
ENCLOSURE 2

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. DoD CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER (DoD CIO). The DoD CIO shall:

   a. Provide overall policy guidance and validated funding and manpower requirements, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USD(I)), the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L)), the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)), the IG DoD, and the SECAF.

   b. Provide guidance and oversight for the EA for DC3 and perform responsibilities as prescribed in paragraph 5.3. of Reference (a).

   c. Establish policy and guidance for DC3 activities in accordance with the priorities established by the Secretary of Defense in DoDD 5144.02 (Reference (f)), and in consonance with the USD(I), USD(AT&L), USD(P), IG DoD, and SECAF to ensure the efficient and effective use of DC3 capabilities.

   d. Oversee DC3 planning, programming, budgeting, and execution (PPBE) activities by reviewing proposed resource programs and requirements, reviewing budget estimates, approving proposed resource allocations, and monitoring the implementation and performance of approved programs in accordance with the guidance in DoD 7000.14-R (Reference (g)) and the responsibilities in DoDD 7045.14 (Reference (h)). Coordinate with the Heads of the DoD Components, as appropriate, in the development of the DC3 budget requirements.

   e. Issue detailed procedural guidance for the DC3 process and timelines associated with the annual DC3 program and budget development, reprogramming, and other PPBE requirements.

   f. Approve the addition or deletion of programs, functions, and activities to and from DC3.

   g. Coordinate with the USD(AT&L) on programs, policies, and activities pertaining to DC3 involving acquisition, cyber incident damage assessment, and digital and multimedia forensics relating to the Defense Forensics Enterprise.

   h. Coordinate with the USD(I) on intelligence support and unclassified DoD information as related to DC3 activities.

   i. Coordinate with the USD(P) on integrating DC3 activities into the Defense Critical Infrastructure Program (DoDD 3020.40, Reference (i)) and in support of Reference (e) implementation requirements.

   j. Coordinate with the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (USD(C))/Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Department of Defense, on DC3 budget formulation and execution.
k. Coordinate with the IG DoD to ensure appropriate provisioning of DC3 capability to support the criminal investigative requirements of the DoD Components.

l. Coordinate with the SECAF in his or her capacity as the EA for DC3.

2. USD(AT&L). The USD(AT&L) shall:

   a. Identify, develop, and implement policy and processes in accordance with DoDD 5134.01 (Reference (j)) into DoD acquisition processes for improved protection of unclassified DoD information on DIB information systems and networks, as well as cyber incident damage assessments in support of DIB CS and IA activities.

   b. In coordination with the DoD CIO and the Heads of the DoD Components, develop funding and manpower requirements to support cyber incident damage assessments of unauthorized access and potential compromise of unclassified DIB networks containing unclassified DoD information, including forensic and analytic support for DC3.

   c. Coordinate with the DoD CIO on digital and multimedia forensics relating to the Defense Forensics Enterprise.

3. USD(I). The USD(I) shall oversee the development of intelligence policy, programs, and guidance for DC3 in accordance with DoDD 5143.01 (Reference (k)), DoDD 5240.02 (Reference (l)), and DoDD 5240.01 (Reference (m)).

4. DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (NSA)/CHIEF, CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE (CSS). The Director, NSA/Chief, CSS, under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(I), in addition to the responsibilities in section 11 of this enclosure, shall support DIB CS and IA activities, including DC3 analysis and research, DC3 specialized cyber investigative training, and DC3 digital and multimedia forensic RDT&E, pursuant to DoDD 5100.20 (Reference (n)).

5. DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (DIA). The Director, DIA, under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(I), in addition to the responsibilities in section 11 of this enclosure, shall provide analytical support to DC3 activities in support of DIB CS and IA activities and the cyber incident damage assessment process.

6. DIRECTOR, DEFENSE SECURITY SERVICE (DSS). The Director, DSS, under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(I), in addition to the responsibilities in section 11 of this enclosure, shall ensure classified information released to industry by the DC3 through DIB CS and IA activities is properly safeguarded pursuant to DoDI 5220.22 (Reference (o)).
7. **UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS (USD(P&R)).** The USD(P&R) shall:

   a. Assist the SECAF and the Director, DC3, in developing a DC3 strategic human capital management plan, with supporting recruitment, retention, and development strategies, to ensure DC3 has the talent needed to meet mission requirements.

   b. Approve the classification of new positions into the Federal law enforcement job series.

8. **USD(C)/CFO.** The USD(C)/CFO shall oversee the budget formulation and execution of DC3 activities in the DoD budget in coordination with the DoD CIO.

9. **IG DOD.** The IG DoD, in addition to the responsibilities in section 11 of this enclosure, shall, in coordination with the DoD CIO, support DoD Component cyber crime-related criminal investigative requirements.

10. **ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE AND GLOBAL SECURITY (ASD(HS&GS)).** The ASD(HS&GS), under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(P), shall oversee the DoD response to Reference (e) and, in coordination with the DoD CIO, integrate the DC3 role in specialized cyber training, in DIB CS and IA activities, and as a national cyber center into the response.

11. **HEADS OF THE DoD COMPONENTS.** The Heads of the DoD Components shall:

    a. Provide DC3 funding in accordance with Reference (g) for missions or specialized projects requiring continuing levels of digital and multimedia forensics, investigative training, or other specialized DC3 support or capabilities. The Heads of the DoD Components are encouraged to establish a memorandum of agreement with the Director, DC3, when such requirements arise.

    b. Coordinate with the Director, DC3, as the DoD Center of Excellence for digital and multimedia forensics, specialized investigative cyber training and DIB CS and IA activities, including analysis, reporting, and support to cyber incident damage assessments.

    c. Ensure DoD criminal investigative and counterintelligence (CI) organizations provide DC3, to the maximum extent possible, copies of digital media and logs and investigative and technical data associated with cyber intrusion incidents, investigations, and operations.

12. **SECAF.** The SECAF, in addition to the responsibilities in section 11 of this enclosure, as the DoD EA for DC3, shall:
a. Establish and maintain DC3 as an entity within the Department of the Air Force with the functions described in Enclosure 3.

b. Provide DC3 funding and manpower in coordination with the DoD CIO and the Director, DC3.

c. Assign personnel to DC3 in accordance with approved authorizations and established procedures for detail or assignment to joint duty.

d. Appoint the Director, DC3.

e. Assist the Director, DC3, in developing and executing strategic human capital management plans to ensure DC3 is properly staffed with employees with the requisite skills and competencies needed to perform DC3 mission requirements.

13. COMMANDER, UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND (CDRUSSTRATCOM). The CDRUSSTRATCOM, in addition to the responsibilities in section 11 of this enclosure, shall coordinate with the DoD CIO to support DC3 activities, including analysis and reporting, and shall rely on DC3 for digital and multimedia forensics support and specialized investigative training, as necessary.
ENCLOSURE 3

DC3 FUNCTIONS

1. DIRECTOR, DC3. The Director, DC3, shall:

   a. Maintain credentials as a special agent.

   b. Plan, program, budget, and execute funding and manpower to accomplish programs and requirements by providing budget estimates, allocating resources, and implementing approved programs consistent with DoD CIO and SECAF guidance each fiscal year.

   c. Oversee DoD digital and multimedia forensics and cyber investigative processes, procedures, and standards, and support multiple mission areas ranging from criminal investigations, fraud investigations, CI, counterterrorism activities, safety inquiries, and countering threats to critical infrastructure.

   d. Communicate directly with the DoD Components on matters related to this Directive. To the extent practicable and consistent with the responsibilities and functions of the Military Departments, the Head of the DoD Component concerned shall be kept informed of such direct communications.

   e. Request assistance as needed from other audit, evaluation, and investigative units of the DoD Components. In such cases, assistance shall be requested through the Head of the DoD Component concerned.

   f. Pursuant to approved delegations and in accordance with governing regulations, execute hiring authorities and set salary as well as recruitment and retention incentives. Positions assigned to the DC3 may meet requirements for classification as General Series 1811 (Federal Law Enforcement), including coverage under the Federal Law Enforcement Retirement System, subject to approval of the USD(P&R).

2. DC3 FUNCTIONS. The DC3 shall:

   a. Function as one of the designated national cyber centers pursuant to Reference (e).

   b. Function as the DoD Center of Excellence for digital and multimedia forensics by providing:

      (1) Digital and multimedia processing and incident analysis for the Department of Defense.

      (2) Technical assistance, guidelines, and standards for DoD digital and multimedia forensic organizations, including:
(a) Providing technical assistance to DoD Component digital and multimedia forensic laboratories.

(b) Conducting digital and multimedia forensics analysis for forensic support to CI investigations in accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5240.19 (Reference (p)).

(c) Maintaining an electronic library of information for test and validation reports for digital forensics tools.

(d) Advancing digital and multimedia forensic RDT&E and collaborating with Government and private industry to keep abreast of cutting-edge technology.

(e) Developing criteria for the referral of media to DC3 by the DoD Components that is the subject of digital and multimedia forensics analysis.

(f) Providing guidance on accreditation of DoD digital forensic labs and training and certification of examiners.

(g) Developing standards for forensic test and validation of cyber investigative and digital forensics hardware and software.

c. Provide specialized investigative training to:

(1) DoD digital forensics examiners, cyber investigators, selected information technology professionals, and other DoD personnel to ensure DoD and DIB information systems are secure from unauthorized use, criminal and fraudulent activities, and foreign intelligence service exploitation; and/or

(2) Personnel responsible for the exploitation of digital media for intelligence and CI objectives.

d. Support digital and multimedia forensic requests from and provide training services to non-DoD Government organizations in accordance with Reference (b), DoDI 3025.21 (Reference (q)), and sections 1535 and 1536 of title 31, U.S.C. (Reference (r)) under a business enterprise and fee-for-service program.

e. Maintain and serve as the operational focal point for threat information sharing through the DoD-DIB Collaborative Information Sharing Environment to protect unclassified DoD information residing on or transiting DIB unclassified networks.

f. Operate as a law enforcement support and CI support activity within the Department of Defense pursuant to the authorities vested in the Secretary of Defense by Reference (b). Unless otherwise directed by the Secretary of Defense, the law enforcement responsibilities assigned by this Directive do not replace or supersede those responsibilities currently assigned to the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Army Criminal Investigation Command, the Naval Criminal
Investigative Service, or the Air Force Office of Special Investigations as defense criminal investigative organizations, nor do they supersede the CI authorities of other DoD Components.

g. Seek and maintain, as appropriate, accreditation or certification of DC3 entities, as well as personnel in coordination with the USD(P&R), to the extent such is supportive of and consistent with mission requirements; leverage, as appropriate, inter-agency efforts in this regard.

h. Support DoD critical infrastructure protection by enhancing the cyber security of the DIB against cyber threats and crimes pursuant to Reference (i).

i. Maintain a central clearinghouse and repository for cyber CI tools, techniques, or other procedures and share them with other DoD CI components.

j. Act as a National Media Exploitation Center forensics partner, providing digital forensics processing and analysis for seized digital media to enable multi-disciplinary exploitation objectives, pursuant to Intelligence Community Directive 302 (Reference (s)).
# GLOSSARY

## PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

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PART II. DEFINITIONS

These terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this Directive.

**CS.** Measures taken to protect a computer, networks, or information or computer system (as on the Internet) and electronic information storage facilities belonging to, or operated by or for, the Department of Defense or U.S. Government, against unauthorized access, attack, or attempts to access.

**cyber incident damage assessment.** A managed, coordinated, and standardized process conducted to determine the impact on future defense programs, defense scientific and research projects, or defense warfighting capabilities resulting from an incident into a DIB unclassified computer system or network.

**DIB.** The Department of Defense, the U.S. Government, and private sector worldwide industrial complex with capabilities to perform research and development and to design, produce, and maintain military weapon systems, subsystems, components, or parts to meet military requirements.

**digital evidence.** Information of probative value stored or transmitted in binary form.

**digital forensics.** In its strictest connotation, the application of computer science and investigative procedures involving the examination of digital evidence - following proper search authority, chain of custody, validation with mathematics, use of validated tools, repeatability, reporting, and possibly expert testimony. Beyond traditional legal purposes, the same techniques, scientific rigor, and procedural precision now support the range of military operations and courses of action (e.g., computer network operations as well as CI objectives).

**unclassified DoD information.** Unclassified information that requires controls pursuant to DoDI 5200.1, DoD Manual 5200.01, and DoDD 5230.09 (References (t), (u), and (v)).