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SUBJECT: Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) and Public Key Enabling (PKE)
Implementation Update

- References:
- (a) Department of Defense (DoD) Chief Information Officer Memorandum, subject: "Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Policy Update," May 21, 2002
 - (b) DoD Chief Information Officer Memorandum, subject: "Public Key Enabling (PKE) of Applications, Web Servers, and Networks for the Department of Defense (DoD)," May 17, 2001
 - (c) Department of Defense (DoD) Chief Information Officer Memorandum, subject: "Department of Defense (DoD) Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)," August 12, 2000
 - (d) Department of Defense (DoD) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, subject: "Common Access Card Issuance Mandate," September 25, 2003
 - (e) Draft DoD Instruction 8520.aa, "Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) and Public Key Enabling (PKE)," undated

This memorandum updates reference (a) (attachment 1) and outlines plans for updating references (b) and (c).



Reference (d) (attachment 2) moved the CAC issuance mandate from October 2003 to April 2004. In light of this changed deadline, Components may review the PKI implementation milestones in reference (a) and modify or adjust their implementation dates as required, but in no case beyond April 2004.

The change in deadline for issuing CACs should not be considered a reason to slow PKI implementation efforts, rather Components should continue to move aggressively in their PKI rollout activities to ensure effective and efficient implementation of the DoD PKI Program at the earliest possible date. The Component CIO must approve a waiver request for any PKI milestones must be extended beyond April 2004.

DoD Instruction 8520.aa (reference (e), which is currently in formal (SD 106) coordination, will supersede references (b) and (c) should be issued by November 2003. A DoD CIO memorandum establishing milestones and implementation dates for the procedures outlined in the DoDI 8520.aa will be issued along with the instruction.

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