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DIA IC ITE Day
CIO Closing Remarks (Prepared)
Monday, June 20, 2016
1510 - 1530

As we wrap up today – I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our speakers:

- LtGen Stewart, DIA Director
- Mr. Doug Wise, Deputy Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
- Ms. Susan Gordon, Deputy Director, National Geospatial Agency
- Air Vice Marshal Sean Corbett, Deputy Director for Commonwealth Integration, and
- Mr. Jimmy Boss, CFO
- Ms. Letitia Long; Chair - Board of Directors at the Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA)

Thank you to all the panel participants, the breakout session facilitators, and the demonstration presenters, and all the groups within CIO and DIA that helped make today a success. Just as Deputy Director Wise mentioned this morning, I too recognize that these events are a challenge, but they are essential to understanding how we must maximize IC ITE.

Please join me in offering all those who made today possible - a nice round of applause.

I know it's been a long day and I greatly appreciate those who were able to stay until the end.

I'd like to take a few minutes to review some highlights from today and then make a few remarks to remind us all again – why this is important.

DIA's IC ITE Day was designed to provide you with an opportunity to get first-hand experience with IC ITE and how it will forever change the way the Intelligence Community collects data, shares information, and collaborates to solve common problems.

More importantly – and I can't emphasize this enough – while IC ITE **was initially** an IT-initiative – IC ITE is **not** about IT. As Director Stewart commented – and I'm probably paraphrasing – "If we deliver all this amazing technology and we don't change the way we're doing business – then we've failed."

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IC ITE is about long-term, strategic digital transformation that provides mission optimized intelligence. It is about providing that 3-hours, 3-days, or maybe 3-weeks of extra lead time to our warfighters and national decision makers.

So, if you take only one thing away from today, remember this **"IC ITE is about Mission Optimization"** ...in essence... buying time for our decision makers and out thinking our adversaries.

If there's a second thing you should take away from today, it's that IC ITE is not something that is still *"years' away in the future and I don't need to worry about it"*.

IC ITE is up and running today...

- Over 88% of DIA users and over 99% of NGA users are operating in the new IC desktop environment
- Cloud computing, is also up and running. As of today, DIA has migrated twenty applications, and over sixty-two mission datasets, into the IC Cloud

IC ITE is about using these common tools, having access to IC-wide data, and providing "value-added" information and tools to the mission users at the "tempo of operations."

Hopefully, today gave you a sample of these capabilities – if you saw something today that sparked your interest or you have an idea on how we can help solve your mission problem, please provide your input directly to the CIO, or through the MTTF, or the MUG.

We want to hear from you, so please tell us, "How can we better help you in your mission?"

I'd like to leave you with one final thought from DNI Clapper's statement at the Senate Armed Service Committee Hearing earlier this year:

"...unpredictable instability has become the 'new normal'..."

That's why we do what we do – that's why the "information sharing and collaboration" that I mentioned this morning is so important...

Your job is to sort through the volume and velocity of big data, see patterns and anomalies, and add clarity to that "unpredictable new normal". Our job, and the job of IC ITE, is to make that as simple, intuitive, and proactively predicable as possible.

Thanks again to all the presenters and thank to you for attending.

Please have a safe drive back to your office or home.

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...again, please contact us if you have ideas or suggestions – the best ideas often come from the people closest to the problem. Thanks.

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