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**DIA IC ITE Day
CIO Opening Remarks (Prepared)**

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0840 - 0850

Thank you Ms. Keys.

Good morning everyone! ...and welcome to DIA's Intelligence Community Information Technology Enterprise or IC ITE Day!

I'd like to thank all of you for taking time from your busy schedules to attend today's Opening Session and I want to encourage you to participate in as much of today's program as possible.

Today we have over 500 registered attendees, representing all parts of the Intelligence Community to include: CIA, NGA, NRO, NSA, ODNI, and too many others to name them all. Oh – and of course DIA.

This broad representation highlights the key themes that will be reiterated throughout today's program – collaboration and information sharing.

Just by being here today, meeting your fellow mission users, and sharing your experiences, we have already begun breaking down silos and making the IC stronger and more responsive.

In addition to our attendees here in the auditorium, we also have over 30 people attending via VTC. So... a special thank you to them for making the extra effort to participate.

A little over 1-week ago, the United States suffered the most deadly terrorist attack on U.S. soil since 9/11. Whether this turns out to be a "lone wolf" attack, a directed attack by ISIL, a hate-crime, or some combination... This event, and others like it, demonstrate just how important our job is... and how challenging it is...

In the days immediately following the Orlando shooting, FBI Director James Comey summarized the challenge he faces in identifying and preventing domestic attacks. He stated,

"Our work is very challenging. We are looking for needles in a nation-wide haystack, but we're also called upon to figure out which pieces of hay might someday become needles."

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This is the same challenge that confronts you, it's just that your mission area encompasses a worldwide scale and must take into account multiple languages and cultures. But... you are still looking for "needles in a haystack" and you're trying to sort through a tidal wave of big data to "predict" which one of those "pieces of hay" could one day be a threat to the United States or its allies. It is these mission challenges that IC ITE is designed to help solve.

Let's just briefly talk about how IC ITE fits within the "mission space" and then I'll provide you with a few highlights of what you can expect for the day and then we'll move on to the rest of the program.

First, How many of you have heard the phrase: "*Do in common, what is commonly done*" OK – thanks.

For those of you who have not heard that phrase before – that was the phrase that summarized the early justification for IC ITE – as an IT-initiative – to "Do in common" – the IT functions – "what is commonly done." Out of this approach, you have DTE – the "common" desktop environment – being provided to the *entire IC* by DIA and NGA. You have the "common" IC Cloud being provided to the *entire IC* by NSA and CIA, and so on...

Now that we are far enough along on the IT part of the IC ITE initiative, our focus has now shifted to "operationalizing IC ITE" to better support the mission challenges highlighted by FBI Director Comey.

In "operationalizing IC ITE", we need to think about IC ITE implementation as "steps in a digital transformation process" that provides more rapid mission support and more timely data exploitation so that collectively, we can prevent strategic surprise, protect the homeland, and protect our allies. We need to reconcile single-source, multi-source, and all-source collection and analysis in near real-time, across the community.

We have to evolve our intelligence process from the old way of doing business. With IC ITE, we can leave the assembly line process of producing finished intelligence and move to a dynamic process that keeps up with the rapid changing environment. ...in fact, within the IC ITE platform, we can essentially do most of those processes simultaneously and much faster.

That is our goal for IC ITE... – it is not just another "IT project" – it is about changing the way the IC does the "business of intelligence" in collection, collaboration, analysis, and dissemination. For DIA this means we have to look at our people, processes, and technology as a whole. And this type of robust and modern knowledge management requires the common infrastructure, policies, and capabilities that IC ITE provides ...in fact, it's not possible without it.

Through a common architecture we can work together to create community-wide solutions to common problems. We can share ideas, integrate, and collaborate like never before.

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Our mission for today's conference is to demonstrate how IC ITE is making this a reality – **today** – and how it will forever change the way the IC does... “the business of intelligence.”

Now, that we've set the stage and expectations for today's conference, I'd like to provide a few highlights of today's events:

- We have keynote speeches from Ms. Susan Gordon, the Deputy Director of NGA and DIA's partner in two key IC ITE components: IC DTE and EMT
- Ms. Letitia Long; former DIA CIO and Deputy Director. She currently serves as the Chairperson of the Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA) Board of Directors
- There will be two panels (Mission User Panel and FVEY Panel)
- We have four breakout sessions (Mission User Campaigns, BOMBERPILOT, Common Object-based Data Exploitation or CODEX, and Integrated Mission Thread)
- Four technology and innovation discussions (IC ITE 101, NSA as an IC TTE Service Provider, Innovation Pods, and Enterprise Management (EMT));
- We also have three technology demonstrations (AppsMall, Map of the World, and Next Generation Trident)
- ...and finally, there are information tables in the lobby

We hope all these activities will not be too overwhelming.

It is a packed agenda, but take advantage of these experts – visit the demos – find out what is be doing **TODAY** on IC ITE to better support your mission.

Thank you again for attending DIA's IC ITE Day...

Now... let's get the rest of the program started - please join me in welcoming DIA's Deputy Director, Mr. Doug Wise.

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