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**CIO COUNCIL RELEASES 2007-2009 STRATEGIC PLAN**

**WASHINGTON** – Today, the Federal Chief Information Officers (CIO) Council released their Strategic Plan, 2007-2009, which includes the Council’s vision, mission, objectives, activities, and performance indicators as well as an accountability process in order to strengthen Government-wide IT management practices. The Strategic Plan represents the culmination of efforts by CIO Council members and their volunteer staff members over the past five months to coordinate a plan that effectively and strategically utilizes technology government-wide to better serve the Nation’s citizens.

“The President is committed to making government more effective, and by utilizing and expanding information technology (IT), we can improve services and deliver results for our citizens. This strategy outlines the activities for the CIO Council to do just that,” said Clay Johnson, Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Executive Chair of the CIO Council.

Karen Evans, Administrator for E-Government and Information Technology at OMB and Director of the CIO Council added, “This plan represents the Council’s collective thinking on how best they will pursue and achieve their important goals. Each of the three CIO Council committees – IT Workforce, Architecture and Infrastructure, and Best Practices – will develop more detailed performance plans based on these activities.

"The Federal CIO Council has played an important role in championing the information transformation across government," reiterated David Wennergren, Department of Defense Deputy CIO and Federal CIO Council Vice Chair. "Our Strategic Plan builds on these accomplishments and sets the course for the Council's activities in the months ahead. Outcome-oriented goals coupled with performance management plans will help to ensure that the Council's efforts continue to provide great value to the nation."

The Federal CIO Council is charged with acting as the “principal interagency forum for improving agency practices related to the design, acquisition, development, modernization, use, operation, sharing, and performance of Federal Government information resources.” More specifically, the Council is directed by the E-Government Act of 2002, to engage in seven activities:

- Develop recommendations for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget on Government information resources management policies and requirements;
- Share experiences, ideas, best practices, and innovative approaches related to information resources management;

- Assist the Administrator of the Office of Electronic Government in the identification, development, and coordination of multi-agency projects and other innovative initiatives to improve Government performance through the use IT;
- Promote the development and use of common performance measures for agency information resources management;
- Work with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the Administrator to develop recommendations on information technology standards;
- Assess and address the hiring, training, classification, and professional development needs of the Government related to information resources management; and
- Work with the Archivist of the United States to assess how the Federal Records Act can be addressed effectively by Federal information resources management activities.

The CIO Strategic Plan can be located at the following address:

<http://www.cio.gov/documents/CIOCouncilStrategicPlan2007-2009.pdf>

Background:

*David Wennergren, Deputy CIO for the Department of Defense and Vice Chair of the Council, appointed Michelle Schmith to lead a group of experts within the Federal government to develop a three year strategic plan for the Federal CIO Council. The Co-Chairs of the three CIO Council Committees – Architecture and Infrastructure, Best Practices, and IT Workforce – were briefed and asked for their support to establish the way ahead for this Council. A working group was formed consisting of volunteers across the Federal Government to include military personnel, civil servants, as well as contract support. In addition to participation from the Department of Defense, volunteers from agencies such as Office of Personnel Management, Department of the Interior, General Services Administration, National Science Foundation, and the Department of Veteran Affairs were represented.*

*The CIO Council Executive Committee provided oversight offering modifications during their November and December meetings, and the Strategic Plan was presented for final approval to the Executive Committee on January 5, 2007, where Committee members approved it unanimously. It was distributed at the CIO Council meeting on January 17, 2007.*

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