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SUBJECT: Commercial Virtual Remote Environment 90-Day Extension

In March 2020, my office deployed the Commercial Virtual Remote (CVR) environment to provide the DoD workforce options for telework tools during the COVID-19 National Emergency. CVR is a limited Microsoft Office 365 (O365) Teams environment within Microsoft's Government Community Cloud and is currently available to the entire DoD workforce through September 15, 2020. CVR was designed as a temporary solution to support remote collaboration during the National Emergency, with Defense Enterprise Office Solutions (DEOS) as the DoD's long-term strategy for online collaboration and office productivity.

Recognizing the criticality of the CVR tool to the DoD workforce and the importance of this capability even beyond the National Emergency, my office coordinated with U.S. Cyber Command and the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) to extend the CVR environment through December 15, 2020. The 90 day extension allows the DoD workforce to retain access to Microsoft Teams while the Military Departments and DISA execute the standup and user transition to the enduring O365 environment.

The extension also allows additional time for DoD's defensive cyber components to improve readiness to support this new environment according to criteria and plans established by U.S. Cyber Command. No additional extensions to CVR are anticipated.

The extension of CVR provides a bridge to support the DoD workforce while similar collaboration capabilities are established in the enduring Impact Level 5 (IL-5) Microsoft Cloud. Achieving the transition to the IL-5 environment will require the focused effort of service providers and cyber defenders. Each of the Military Departments and DISA have provided transition plans to achieve the transition to IL-5 and DoD CIO, with U.S. Cyber Command, will closely track progress against these implementation goals via our existing Digital Modernization governance.

Guidance and related resources are published at <https://www.cloud.mil>. The DoD CIO point of contact is Mr. Kevin Tate at kevin.w.tate.civ@mail.mil, (571) 372-4899, or (C) (571) 218-9666.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Deasy", written in a cursive style.

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Attachments:

1. COVID-19 Remote Work Capability memorandum dated March 19, 2020
2. Authorized Telework Capabilities and Guidance Memo dated April 13, 2020