## OVERVIEW INFORMATION

- DoD will transition to a new official enterprise collaboration tool, Defense Collaboration Services, beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2015.
  - ➢ As part of the "DISA First" initiative, the agency will transition all employees to DCS upon declaration of initial operational capability in mid-December 2014.
  - ➢ All DoD users can begin using this service once IOC is declared, and will transition no later than May 30, 2015.
  - ➢ The contract for the current service, Defense Connect Online, will end June 24, 2015.
- Defense Collaboration Services (DCS) is an open source solution that will provide secure Web conferencing and instant messaging services for users on both the Sensitive but Unclassified Internet Protocol Network (NIPRNet) and the Secret Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNet).
  - ➢ Web conferencing capabilities include the ability to record and playback sessions, perform desktop sharing, white boarding, text chat, and polling/voting.
  - ➢ Instant messaging capabilities include: persistent chat rooms, one-to-one chat, and presence information.
- Individuals with a Common Access Card (CAC) or Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) hard token can register for an account. CAC/PKI tokens are used to authenticate when logging in.
  - ➢ Guest access can be provided to coalition and mission partners without a CAC.
- By leveraging the milCloud virtual data center environment, DCS increases operational efficiencies by consolidating administrative, hardware, and software resources in a scalable, secure, and globally accessible solution.
- DCS will be available as an appropriated service, with no direct fee to end user organizations.

## ON THE HORIZON

- Early release testing and evaluation are being conducted from October until mid-December 2014.
- Initial operational capability (IOC) is scheduled for Dec. 16, 2014.
  - ➢ As part of the "DISA First" initiative, the agency's workforce will transition to DCS once IOC is declared. The transition will be complete by January 30.
  - ➢ Mission partners will also be able to use DCS as of IOC.
- U.S. Transportation Command and the Joint Staff will transition to DCS between January 30 and February 28.
- The remainder of DoD organizations will transition to DCS between March 1 and May 30.
- All organizations/users must transition from the legacy service, Defense Connect Online, to DCS by May 30, 2015.

## LIVE ONLINE USER TRAINING

Live training sessions intended to help end users become familiar with the features and functions of DCS will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday at both 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

Session URL:
https://disa.deps.mil/disa/org/ES7/DCS/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx

## TECHNICAL EXCHANGE MEETINGS

The DCS Program Office will periodically host technical exchange meetings, to outline the technical requirements of DCS.

Please check the DCS calendar for upcoming sessions, at:

https://disa.deps.mil/disa/org/ES7/DCS/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx