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**DoD Information Assurance Program in a Content-Centric Environment**

*Are we prepared for the future?*

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Virginia Beach, VA—Robert Lentz, Director (IA) Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense, Networks & Information Integration, CIO & CIAO, US Department of Defense, led the keynote presentation for SecureGOV. Lentz discussed the Department of Defense Information Assurance Program in a Content-Centric Information Environment which examined how the US Department of Defense is transforming to meet the security challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and how Information Assurance can enable this transformation.

“Something we need to be asking ourselves is, ‘are we positioned for the future?’” Then Lentz pointed out that “The government is spending a small amount of money in leap ahead technology.”

Currently the Department of Defense spends 2.2 billion on information assurance. DoD's investment is challenged by a growing threat and an increase in IT complexity resulting from DoD's Net-Centric strategy to push information to the edge. Lentz would like to see more focus on educating IT technicians on how to properly use currently technology and examine ways to improve security. Several government statistics were raised to prove why education is the first step in information security. One fact that stands out is that 80% of government departments attributing human error to lack of security knowledge, a lack of training or a failure to follow security procedures. In addition 84% of the government blames their most recent security breach on human error.

While these statistics speak for themselves. The difficulty is gaining support for budget approvals which allow for better investment in education. “The challenge that our leaders face today is finding a way to stop the bleeding in dealing with today's issue, vice focusing on the value of being prepared for the future.” Robert Lentz

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