

The FISMA legislation assigns to the Department of Defense (DoD) the authority to develop and oversee the implementation of IA policies, principles, standards and guidelines. The legislation also requires DoD components to identify and provide information security protective measures commensurate with the risk and magnitude of the harm possibly resulting from unauthorized acts.

What is the impact of FISMA on the DON?

Many of the aspects of FISMA are already in place, such as IA training, incident reporting and testing. DON CIO is preparing policies and plans to carry out the law's requirements, including the basic Secretary of the Navy policy on information assurance, Secretary of the Navy Instruction (SECNAVINST) 5239.3.

The DON CIO has submitted the required annual reports for three years, first for GISRA and this year for FISMA. In practice, DON CIO coordinates with the Navy and the Marine Corps and submits an annual DON FISMA input to DoD. DoD then submits a composite Defense-wide report to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which in turn submits the report to Congress as required by the legislation. The relevant Inspectors General and audit services conduct the required annual evaluations, which include site visits, testing and assessments.

FISMA, effective throughout the federal government, places requirements on government agencies and components, with the goal of improving the security of federal information and information systems.

In summary, the overarching goal of the Department of the Navy is to secure the Department's information assets, balancing the need for security with the primary objective of meeting operational requirements. By doing that, we are well along the way to compliance with FISMA.

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The DON eGov Awards Fall 2003

The Department of the Navy Chief Information Officer (DON CIO) is pleased to announce the winners of the Fall 2003 DON eGov Awards. These awards honor project teams that have successfully reengineered/transformed key DON business and warfighting processes to reduce costs, improve mission performance, and support the effective exchange and sharing of information.

The following teams are honored for their successful initiatives, which are leading the way toward the eGovernment transformation of the DON:

- ◆ Marine Corps Systems Command, HQMC, Manpower & Reserve Affairs & DFAS - Technical Services Organization for Total Force Administration System (TFAS)
- ◆ Commander, Naval Reserve Force, DFAS - Technical Services Organization & SPAWAR Information Technology Center for Naval Reserve Order Writing System (NROWS)
- ◆ NAVAIR Aircraft Wiring Support Equipment Commodity & eBusiness Operations Office for Just-in-Time Wiring Information System (JITWIS) eSuite
- ◆ ASRLW NAVAIR Team & eBusiness Operations Office for Aircraft Shot and Recovery Log - Web (ASRLW)
- ◆ ePMS NAVSEA Team & eBusiness Operations Office for Electronic Planned Maintenance System (ePMS)
- ◆ USS Dwight D. Eisenhower & eBusiness Operations Office for Refueling and Complex Overhaul Integrated Maintenance Package
- ◆ Task Force Web for Building the Web Enabled Navy (WEN)
- ◆ NETC Business Office for NETC Military Awards Processing System (NMAPS)

The eGov awards were presented at the Fall 2003 Naval IT Summit held in Arlington, VA. This first DON IT Summit brought together the DON CIO, DON Deputy CIO (Marine Corps), DON Deputy CIO (Navy) and command information officers from Echelon II and major Marine Corps subordinate commands in a forum to build the Navy-Marine Corps team and advance our strategy for continual transformation.

Look for more information about the IT Summit and the eGov Awards in the next issue of CHIPS.

