

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMAN, DOD EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR MODELING  
AND SIMULATION (EXCIMS)  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE MODELING AND SIMULATION OFFICE  
(DMSO)

SUBJECT: DoD Transition to the High Level Architecture (HLA) for Simulations

Reference: USD(A&T) Memorandum "DoD High Level Architecture (HLA) for Simulations,"  
September 10, 1996 (attached to HLA Transition Report)

The attached HLA Transition Report is approved in its entirety. We must foster broad simulation interoperability and reuse if the Department is to cost-effectively harness the potential of simulation to improve DoD operations. The development of the High Level Architecture (HLA) for simulation has been a masterful achievement towards realizing that goal.

As reflected in the report, progress to date in implementing the HLA has been heartening. All new simulations will be built in accordance with the HLA. To reap the full benefits of simulation interoperability and reuse in the near-term, it is also important to quickly transition our legacy simulations to the HLA, as required by the DoD HLA policy (reference). I am firmly committed to this policy and will insist the Components plan and program accordingly. I encourage our industry partners to follow suit.

Please convey my personal appreciation to each EXCIMS and HLA Transition Issues Team member. They are making a powerful contribution to revolutionizing the way DoD builds and uses simulations.

J. S. Gansler

Attachment  
As stated

cc:  
DoD EXCIMS Members  
DoD MSWG Members  
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