

Memorandum of Understanding
for
INTERAGENCY RECOGNITION OF SECURITY CONTROLS AND CREDENTIALS
between the
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
and
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

I. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFITS AND INTERESTS

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as "USDA", and the Department of the Interior, hereinafter referred to as "DOI".

DOI and USDA are subject to the same body of law and requirements in respect to the security, management and protection of Information Technology (IT) resources. In an effort to meet the goals of Service First of providing seamless services, improved operational efficiency, increased resource protection; and in accomplishing their respective missions, the DOI and USDA agree to reciprocally accept each department's security controls and credentials for the express purposes of sharing resources and services.

The USDA and DOI agencies often work jointly and perform complementary missions and services. This reciprocity will aid in the use of interagency equipment, facilities and resources, as appropriate, to accomplish agency missions. The intent of this MOU is to facilitate collaborative and cooperative activities among the Departments and to better serve the mutual interest of the parties and the public. In establishing this policy, this MOU also achieves goals established within Service First, which include providing seamless services and improving operational efficiency.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to define a manner of cooperation between the Departments that improves the effectiveness and efficiency in attaining our mission goals. This includes recognition and acceptance of each other's ability to administer a security program compliant with federal laws, regulations, and best practices, including identity management, authentication, and credentialing.

III. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Each Department recognizes the credentials from the other and is responsible for provisioning its own services. Cooperation can be achieved without requiring inter-domain trusts or the merger of Departmental domains. The benefits of cooperation are thus achieved without incurring risks from creating interdepartmental system dependencies or vulnerabilities.

- Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-130
- U.S. Office of Personnel Management Memorandum M-05-25
- U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) guidance documents.

IV. AUTHORITY

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is hereby made and entered into by and between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior under the following authorities:

- A. Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1980, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35);
- B. The Clinger-Cohen Act (also known as "Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996") (Pub. L. 104-106, Division E);
- C. The Privacy Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a);
- D. The Chief Financial Officers Act (31 U.S.C. 3512 et seq.);
- E. The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 487);
- F. The Computer Security Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-235);
- G. The Budget and Accounting Act, as amended (31 U.S.C. Chapter 11);
- H. The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993(GPRA);
- I. The Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. Chapter 7);
- J. The Government Paperwork Elimination Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-277, Title XVII),
- K. Executive Order No. 12046 of March 27, 1978;
- L. Executive Order No. 12472 of April 3, 1984;
- M. Executive Order No. 13011 of July 17, 1996; and
- N. Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12).
- O. Service First Public Law 106-291, October 11, 2000, Section 330, 43 USC 1701 page 76;
- P. Service First Public Law 109-54, August 2, 2005, Section 428, pages 48-57;
- Q. Public law 110-329, September 30, 2008, Section 147, page 8, and Section 106, page 2; and
- R. Public law 111-8, March, 2009, Section 418, page 224

V. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The DOI CIO and DOI Chief Information Security Officer; the USDA CIO and USDA Associate Chief Information Officer for Cyber Security, Privacy Policy and Oversight are responsible for ensuring the requirements of statutes are met in respect to the security management and protection of information technology resources.

VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. Nothing in this MOU shall obligate either the USDA or DOI to obligate or transfer any funds. Specific work projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, or property among the various agencies or offices of the USDA or DOI will require execution of separate agreements and be contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Such activities must be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This MOU does not provide such authority. Negotiation, execution, and administration of each such agreement must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations.
- B. The terms of this MOU shall become effective within and upon execution of the final signature by the participating agencies and shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from the date the final signature was placed on the authorized section, or until such time as the MOU is terminated by mutual agreement. The MOU shall be reviewed by all participating entities annually, and/or as warranted to determine its suitability for renewal, revision, or termination.
- C. Either signatory may withdraw from participation in this MOU within ninety (90) days written notice to the other signatory.

VII. SIGNATORIES

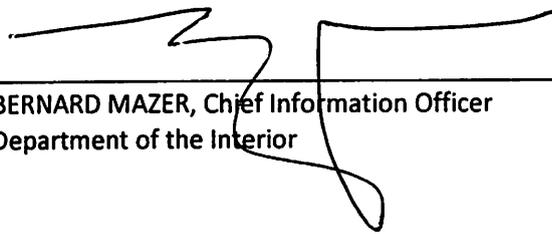
This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective for a period of five (5) years commencing on the date the final signature is placed in this signature section.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, all parties have executed this MOU, as of the last date written below.



CHRISTOPHER L. SMITH, Chief Information Officer
U.S. Department of Agriculture

10/22/2010
Date



BERNARD MAZER, Chief Information Officer
Department of the Interior

11/22/10
Date