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MEMORANDUM FOR: NOAA NEP, CIO Council, and CFO Council

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SUBJECT: Desktop and Mobile Computer Acquisition and Configuration
Upgrades to Comply with HSPD-12 Mandates and OMB Directives

Per Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 12 and OMB direction, all Federal agencies will establish methods for use of Personal Identity verification (PIV) credentials with physical and logical access control systems enabling 2-factor authentication. As a logical first step to comply with this directive, NOAA will ensure that all newly acquired workstations, laptop computers, and mobile computing devices used to access NOAA IT systems are equipped with a smart card (PIV-II)/DoD Common Access Card (CAC) reader. Between now and the end of FY11, NOAA offices will also purchase smart card (PIV-2) readers and ensure they are connected to existing systems which currently do not have that feature.

In addition to obtaining necessary physical computing devices, NOAA is taking decisive action to meet the HSPD-12 mandate. The NOAA HSPD-12 Logical Access Control Working Group composed of representatives from OCIO and all Line Offices; this group is refining procedures and will implement plans for installation of needed software, credentials, and infrastructure to enable 2-factor authentication.

To reiterate, effective immediately, newly acquired workstations, laptop computers, and mobile computing devices used to access NOAA IT systems must be equipped with a smart card reader. For existing systems without that functionality, NOAA offices will purchase smart card readers and ensure they are connected to the systems by the end of FY11. Card reader specifications and recommended products are listed at <https://www.csp.noaa.gov/noaa/security-program/HSPD-12/>. Please contact the Office of Information Technology Security at itsec@noaa.gov with questions or comments.

