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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Subject: Joint Capability Area (JCA) 2010 Refinement

1. The JCA 2010 Refinement is complete. As co-chairs for this effort, we reviewed and approved approximately 100 changes.¹
2. The proposed JCA definitions and framework (Enclosure A), including all structural and definitional changes to tiers 1 – 3 (Enclosure B), are forwarded for DAWG approval.² This memorandum is provided in lieu of a briefing to the DAWG due to the overwhelming agreement on all change recommendations.
3. These remaining structural changes include restructuring Battlespace Awareness (2.1 & 2.2) to make tier 3s more relevant in the Integrated Priority List process, and realigning the Research and Development (7.3) tier 2 under Corporate Management and Support. We agree with the community of interest that these changes improve JCAs.
4. The point of contact is Commander Matthew G. Fleming, USN; J-7/JFDID; 703-697-7991.

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Enclosures

References:

- 1 DSD memorandum, 14 February 2008, "Joint Capability Areas (JCAs)"
- 2 Joint Capability Area Management Plan (JCAMP), 27 January 2010



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TO VCJCS	THRU DJS signed 28 Feb 11	THRU

SUBJECT Joint Capability Area (JCA) Refinement 2010

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**
1. Purpose. Obtain VCJCS approval of JCA Refinement 2010 results.
 2. Issue. Per the JCA Management Plan (JCAMP)¹ substantive changes to the JCA taxonomy tier 3 and above require DAWG-level approval. JCA co-chairs must approve lower-level changes prior to forwarding to VCJCS for approval in lieu of full DAWG briefing and approval.
 3. Bottom Line. JCA Refinement 2010² is complete and the results are approved by both the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (PDUSD(P)) and the Director, Joint Staff (DJS). The results of the refinement are ready for VCJCS approval.
 4. Background. JCAs are the DOD “capability management language and framework” and as such require continual upkeep to ensure their relevance. The JCAMP, approved 27 January 2010 by the PDUSD(P) and the DJS, directs and guides the Joint Staff/J-7 as the Lead Agent to conduct an annual review and details the JCA refinement process. The 2010 JCA refinement GO/FO chop was completed 19 January 2011.³ The DJS and the PDUSD(P) have signed the memorandum at TAB. DJS also signed the 136 form.⁴
 5. Recommendation. VCJCS approve by initialing the 136.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____ See Me _____

COORDINATION					
NAME	AGENCY	DATE	NAME	AGENCY	DATE
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ENDNOTES

¹ Joint Capability Area Management Plan, 27 January 2010

² JCA Refinement Update to DJS, 27 January 2011

³ J-7A-00334-10 Form 136

⁴ Signed 11-00397 Form 136

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