Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO) Circular

Subject: Whole of Government Common Operating Environment Policy

Approved by the Secretaries’ ICT Governance Board on 21 December 2010

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To all agencies under the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 (FMA Act)


Purpose

The purpose of this AGIMO Circular is to advise all FMA Act Agencies that on 21 December 2010, the Secretaries ICT Governance Board (SIGB) endorsed the Whole-of-Government Common Operating Environment (WoG COE) Policy. SIGB agreed that it is subject to opt-out arrangements.

Key Points

1. The standards endorsed by the WoG COE Policy come into effect when an agency is ready to deploy a new version of their base Standard Operating Environment (SOE). Agencies are now required to build the SOE in accordance with the standards endorsed by the Policy.

2. A SOE is a new version when the operating system is upgraded or the deployment of a substantial update such as the release of a service pack.

Background

3. In October 2009, as part of its decision on WoG Desktop co-ordinated procurement, the Government agreed to the development of a WoG COE. A WoG COE is a critical element in driving future savings in services provisioning and in increasing the flexibility and responsiveness of Government operations.

4. The WoG COE Policy defines the principles and standards that apply to agency desktop operating environments.
Action Required:

5. The AGIMO COE Team, through the WofG COE Working Group will work with Portfolios and agencies to develop a WofG COE Transition Plan. This will identify all planned and proposed SOE upgrade schedules.

Contacts

6. If you have any questions regarding this AGIMO Circular, please contact Agency Services Division within AGIMO via email at COE@finance.gov.au or phone on 02 6215 1376 or you may visit our website at https://www.govdex.gov.au/confluence/display/WOFGCOE/WofG+COE.

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