MEMORANDUM FOR Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, 3500 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3500

SUBJECT: Permits for Broadband Infrastructure

1. Reference: Memorandum, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, 25 July 2019, SAB.

2. The Army is committed to meeting the MOBILE NOW Act requirement to either grant or deny a duly filed application for a communications facility installation within 270 days. In support of this initiative, the Army has undertaken the following actions:

   a. **Standard leasing template**: The US Army Corps of Engineers has standardized telecommunication leases to streamline the outgrant preparation time across all districts.

   b. **Expanded delegated authority**: Effective 1 October 2019, local Garrison Commanders will have delegated authority to approve telecommunication leases for terms up to ten years and easements up to 25 years.

   c. **Telecommunication policy and common application**: Army is in final coordination of a real estate telecommunication deployment policy that addresses the multiple pathways and authorities for granting use of Army property for telecommunications purposes. Identifying the preferred pathway early in the process will not only streamline the approval process, but also provide opportunities for leveraging these private investments in the advancement of mission requirements. The Army will use the GSA application (GSA 3729), with service specific modifications, as the baseline application.

3. In addition to the above real estate related actions, the Army CIO G-6 is working with select carriers and the Joint Spectrum Center to identify generic installation-level spectrum analysis methods in order to mitigate electromagnetic interference risks to DoD systems and radiation hazards to personnel, facilities and ordnance. These studies are currently done project by project, often take over a year to complete, and are required before approval and real estate 'permitting' can begin. An overarching installation spectrum analysis plan will allow for more expeditious application reviews and streamlined approval timeline.
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