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ARMY RESEARCH LAB SIGNS PARTNERSHIP INTERMEDIARY AGREEMENT (PIA) WITH TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT CENTER (TAC) TO ACCELERATE DIGITAL MODERNIZATION

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 6, 2025 – The Technology Advancement Center (TAC), in collaboration with the IT Acquisition Advisory Council (IT-AAC), a subsidiary of the Interoperability Clearinghouse (ICH), has signed a groundbreaking Department of Defense (DoD)-wide Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA). This new alliance empowers all DoD components to fast-track digital modernization initiatives in alignment with the President’s Executive Order on Defense IT Acquisition reform and Secretary of Defense Peter Hegseth’s directive to deliver cutting-edge software capabilities to the warfighter at speed.

The PIA unlocks a robust portfolio of strategic tools for agencies striving to innovate under budget constraints, including:

1. A battle-tested suite of agile acquisition and digital transformation frameworks.
2. On-demand “tiger teams” for workforce upskilling and mentorship.
3. A virtual Tech Proving Ground powered by a coalition of over two dozen leading nonprofits and advanced testing labs.
4. Tailored tools, techniques, and expert support to modernize legacy systems at mission speed.

The U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command, known as DEVCOM, Army Research Laboratory, designated as the executive agent in coordination with the Army CIO, will be the first to operationalize this capability. The task is to drive compliance with federal IT reform mandates and rapidly scale DoD software acquisition pathways with targeted expertise and actionable guidance.

“I’m honored to partner with IT-AAC and the U.S. Army to help accelerate the delivery of emerging technologies to the warfighter. Together, we’re creating a faster, more agile pathway for innovation that directly supports mission readiness and operational advantage.” added Gregg Smith, CEO of the TAC

“Having invested over 2 decades in advancing Defense IT reforms, we are honored to have an opportunity to work with one of the best CIO in government to advance Army's top priorities,” stated John Weiller, Co-Founder of the IT-AAC and the CEO of the Interoperability Clearinghouse.

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TAC and IT-AAC, provide government program managers and decision-makers with the tools, methodologies, and expertise needed to accelerate digital modernization and transformation. Leveraging elastic, just-in-time Tiger Teams composed of experts from over two dozen leading nonprofits, standards organizations, Fortune 500 companies, and Silicon Valley innovators, TAC's website is www.tac.org ; IT-AAC's website is www.it-aac.org.

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