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Recommendations for Restructuring DoD's JEDI Cloud Strategy

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Dear Defense Secretary Nominee Esper, Senator Inhofe, Senator Reed, Representative Smith, Representative Thornberry, Director Vought, Mr. Liddell, and Mr. Deasy,

With a federal court removing the last remaining challenge to awarding the DoD JEDI contract, we at the IT-AAC would like to share our concerns with the JEDI cloud program and the national security implications of moving forward with a program that undermines implementation of industry best practices.

As such, detailed in the attached report, “DOD CLOUD ADOPTION: The Department’s Cloud Strategy Sets a Modern Vision for Cloud Adoption, but the Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure (JEDI) Request for Proposals (RFP) will not achieve that Vision” we once again offer recommendations on how to realign



the DoD JEDI RFP with the forward thinking found in the DoD Cloud Strategy, OMB’s Cloud Smart Policy, and EO 13800.

As the nation’s leading voice on Federal IT Reform, we applaud DoD’s effort to usher in commercial cloud innovations and standards of practice emanating from Fortune 500 and industry leaders. However, we believe a better outcome would come from a multi-cloud approach as detailed in the DOD Cloud Strategy that includes continuous updates and expansion of MilCloud to house our most sensitive data, and adoption of commercial cloud, hybrid, and private cloud across the department to enable IT Modernization across multiple architectures, and enable modern technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI).

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Since the beginning of the government’s journey into the cloud, the IT-AAC has provided objective and evidence-based insights to Congress, the White House and Executive Branch that have directly impacted key policy initiatives (FITARA, EO13800, Cloud First, Cloud Smart, DoD Cloud Strategy). Having closely monitored the JEDI strategy since its inception, we believe there are some critical gaps that must be addressed to avoid putting our national security mission at risk. Please find below our concerns and recommendations for realignment of the JEDI cloud procurement.

Very Respectfully,

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