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MEMORANDUM FOR: <**Program Name**>

FROM: CDAO AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

SUBJECT: Authorization to Connect (ATC) for the <**System**> to <**System**> Authorization Termination Date (ATD): <**DDMMYY**>

1. As the Authorizing Official (AO) for the Department of Defense (DoD) <Boundary>, I have determined that the residual risk level for the <**System**> connection is <**LOW, MODERATE, HIGH**> and hereby grant an ATC. This authorization is my formal declaration that appropriate system security measures and/or countermeasures have been properly implemented and that a satisfactory level of security is present for operations.
2. <**System**> is a CDAO boundary system with the only external connection to <**System/Boundary**> for authorization in accordance with Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 8510.01.
3. My decision to grant an ATC is based on the analysis of program artifacts through the <**Program**> cybersecurity risk assessment process conducted in accordance with Department of Defense (DoD) guidance and acceptance of reciprocity of the <**System**> <**Type Accreditation**>.
4. This authorization is valid until the ATD specified above or any identified conditions are met. Any changes from the provided connection documentation need to be assessed through coordination with the **<Program>** CRA to determine impact to the security posture prior to implementation; if changes introduce additional risk, reassessment and reauthorization of the system may be required. Operations outside the boundaries identified in the provided documentation will be justification to revoke this authorization.
5. This authorization is for this version only as documented in artifacts provided by the program. The point of contact for <**System**> is <**First, Last Name**>, <**Program**>, <**123-456-7890**> < (**DSN 123-4567**)> or email: <**first.last.xxx@mail.mil**>.

(Remove Note\* This ATC is applicable only for systems outside the AO purview. We do not process ATCs for connections falling within the AO boundaries.)

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Attachments:

1. <**AO Determination Briefing**>
2. <**System Authorization**>
3. <**AO ATC**>