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MEMORANDUM FOR <**Capability Name**>

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

As the Authorizing Official (AO) for the Department of Defense’s the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office (CDAO) boundary, I have determined that the residual risk level for the subject 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.

**<Capability>** is within the CDAO boundary with an external connection to <**Capability/Boundary**> for authorization in accordance with DoD Instruction 8510.01, “Risk Management Framework for DoD Systems”, dated July 19, 2022. My decision to grant an ATC is based on the analysis of artifacts developed through the cybersecurity risk assessment process and conducted in accordance with DoD guidance and acceptance of reciprocity of the <**Capability’s**> <**Accreditation**>.

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 with the **<Capability>** 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.

This authorization is for this version only as documented in artifacts provided by the program. The point of contact for is <**First Name Last Name**>, <**123-456-7890**> <(**DSN 123-4567**)> or email: <**email@mail.mil**>.

(\*Note: This ATC is applicable only for capability connections outside the AO’s purview. ATCs will not be processed for connections falling within the CDAO boundary.)

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Authorizing Official

Attachments:

1. <**AO Determination Briefing**>

2. <**System Authorization**>

3. <**AO ATC**>