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Today's NMCI Projects Enhance Navy's IT Capabilities for Tomorrow

There's no time like the present to deliver on the future.

As the Department of the Navy prepares for their next phase of Naval networking through the NGEN contract, the enhancements we are making to NMCI today deliver much of what the Navy is looking to achieve in the coming years. We are delivering the added interoperability, mobility, performance and security our clients' missions require, as well as the flexibility and functionality that is NMCI.

Delivering NGEN requirements "Now" is the next level of our demonstrated commitment to the needs of our Sailors and Marines and all those who support them.

Contributing to NMCI's success is Steve Bishop. Steve is one of NMCI's network engineers working out of Idaho. His most recent project on the Secure Internet Protocol Routing Network (SIRPnet) enables Sailors and Marines to access the classified network wirelessly. This capability is a huge step forward for the Navy and Marine Corps and how they do business.

Steve, thank you for the hard work and dedication you bring to NMCI.

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Steve Bishop **IS NGEN NOW**

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Technical, diligent and inquisitive. This is how Steve Bishop describes the EDS teams that work with him on the Secure Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRnet) Wireless program.

Bishop first learned the NMCI ropes on the Program Oversight Team before moving into a management role on the Certification and Accreditation Team. As a current member of the Network Engineering Team, he orchestrates groups of EDS professionals who work tirelessly to align NMCI capabilities to the demands of the missions of Navy and Marine Corps users.

Bishop and his team, including Al Rosker, Tom Dillon, Dan Dunham, and Taylor Patterson, have been spearheading the effort to bring classified wireless connectivity to service members. The classified SIPRnet Wireless program will provide Sailors and Marines with instantaneous classified connectivity. The SIPRnet Wireless network is a secure alternative to classified wired connectivity inside NMCI site buildings, where classified PDS cabling can be limited.

Built on the backbone of an enhanced encrypted network, the wireless network also provides connectivity around the base where environmental factors preclude the installation of wired connectivity. SIPRnet Wireless will mean that EDS can respond to requirements of additional or new classified service more quickly and at lower upfront EDS cost. The solution, which gained certification in August 2008, is expected to be operational sometime in the spring of 2010.

The SIPRnet Wireless program is just one of 30 projects Bishop's team has underway to modernize and enhance NMCI services-making important differences for the Sailors and Marines they serve.

Bishop's active lifestyle helps keep him prepared to meet the unique day-to-day needs of NMCI. When he isn't hard at work, he enjoys playing golf, riding his motorcycle and following his favorite sports teams. As Bishop will tell you, each day at EDS is full of exciting and rewarding challenges for him and his team members.

