



A Letter From The Product Director, EC2M



Mr. John Howell

ECMCS Stakeholders,

Thank you for your partnership as we've sought to bring a collaboration and content management solution to the Army. The successes we've achieved are key in building the viability of ECMCS. Recognition of that viability has been confirmed through HQDA CIO/G-6 in the recent confirmation of FY16 funding of the ECMCS program.

All current Army organizations on the service will continue to have their SharePoint instance funded through FY16. In addition, future Army organizations that on-board to ECMCS in FY16 will also be centrally funded.

A storage reallocation effort will commence to better balance our ability to meet current needs and future demand. As stewards of the ECMCS service, our charge is to efficiently manage the allocation of space, maintain an ability to meet organizations need for future growth within the service, and provide the same opportunity for future on-boarding organizations. Storage reallocation will increase overall utilization.

My team strives to provide in-depth detailed information about all our efforts. If you are interested in joining the ECMCS community, intrigued by a newsletter article, or just desirous of receiving more details; I invite you to visit our website <https://army.deps.mil/army/sites/ecmcs/> to obtain additional information. The ECMCS team dutifully works to deliver to Army a collaboration and Knowledge Management service that is able to meet the wide and varying mission requirements of our partnering organizations.

ECMCS Funded Through FY16

The CIO/G6 will centrally fund the ECMCS/DEPS environment at its current capacity through FY16. Army will continue to onboard organizations until the maximum capacity is reached.

CIO/G6 will provide further guidance on DEPS usage beyond FY16 no later than 1 April 2016. Questions regarding funding can be directed to Ms. Cheryl Hines , email Cheryl.I.hines.civ@mail.mil

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About ECMCS:

ECMCS provides enterprise level content management and collaboration capabilities to the Army Soldier and workforce to enhance and promote universal file sharing, collaboration, access to team sites, workflows, documents, and records. As a managed service, ECMCS will significantly reduce redundant investments in applications and content storage, resulting in federated enterprise services and reduced costs.



New Storage Allocation Guidelines

To proactively address under utilization of storage space by Army organizations and to ensure storage is available for future organizations, the ECMCS team is implementing new storage allocation guidelines. This effort will monitor storage availability and reduce over-allocation of storage.

Effective August 2015, the storage allocation guidelines are applicable to current and future Army organizations on ECMCS. The new allocation guidelines define;

- (1) Storage thresholds
- (2) Site collection request process, and
- (3) Criteria and process for requesting an increase in storage allocation

Detailed information can be found here: <https://army.deps.mil/army/sites/ecmcs/onboarding/>

Site Collection Security Audits

DISA conducts monthly security audits to track the usage of the "NT Authority/Authenticated Users" permissions group in site collections. Usage of this permissions group is a potential security risk and should be carefully considered before implementation. Although this permissions configuration can be by design, it is sometimes unintentional and may result in the over-provisioning of rights, resulting in exposure of your organization's information to unauthorized DoD personnel.

The ECMCS team recommends that site owners/managers follow Microsoft content management best practice and limit the use of "NT Authority/Authenticated Users" permission group to cases where there is a specific requirement to grant this level of permissions. In addition site owners/managers may also consider configuring a site so that users must request permission to access content prior to granting permissions.

For more information, please refer to the Microsoft TechNet article pertaining to permissions levels: <https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc721640%28v=office.14%29.aspx>

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