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TO: *Chair*
National Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) Executive Steering Committee

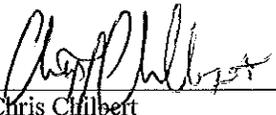
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SUBJECT: National Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) Architecture Plan

After receiving a briefing on the National MDA Architecture Plan/Maritime Information Sharing Environment at the DHS Enterprise Architecture Center of Excellence (EACOE), and forwarding the documented plan to Enterprise Architecture Center of Excellence (EACOE) members and their staffs for a comprehensive review, the DHS Chief Architect approves of this concept as it is consistent with the Homeland Security Enterprise Architecture (HLS EA) standards and targets. The recommendation at this time is to continue with current efforts to enhance maritime information sharing.

The National Maritime Domain Awareness Architecture Plan incorporates many of the same ideas that DHS is considering for national security information sharing. Strategically, this is the right thing to do. Please feel free to call upon my office and the DHS EACOE for assistance with this worthy objective.

Thank you,



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Chief Architect
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