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This message is in response to your follow-up question regarding the IPv6 Transition Guidance per your May 24, 2006 e-mail.

Question 1:

When we sent out our initial IPv6 information request at the end of January, several agencies identified the lack of guidance as a key challenge in transitioning to IPv6. Since then, the CIO Council's Committee on Architecture and Infrastructure (AIC) has issued a series of Frequently Asked Questions and a guide titled IPv6 Transition Guidance version 1.0, February 2006. We are trying to determine whether guidance for the IPv6 transition is still a challenge. Please comment on the timing and usefulness of the guidance issued by the AIC. Also indicate what other guidance you are using to support your IPv6 transition efforts. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Response:

We have reviewed and used the guidance provided in the documents mentioned. We did find this documentation useful in that it was a substantial clarification of the initial OMB mandate. However, it would have been useful if this guidance had been provided earlier. If this work had been done in conjunction with drafting and issuing the initial OMB mandate, it would have helped to avoid a lot of the early concerns and ambiguities. In addition to this guidance we have found the Federal IPv6 Working Group and the core.gov site very useful. Also, since Deborah Pianko became the OMB lead on the IPv6 project, we have been able to get information and answers to questions much more readily.

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