

This email is in Q & A format to begin addressing ongoing frequently asked questions regarding (1) Implementation of NMCI and (2) Converting QOLMIS/CMS from Lotus Notes to Sequential Query Language (SQL) and web enabling.

What is the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI)?

- NMCI is an infrastructure that will establish a common end-to-end information service for voice, video and data communications for all civilian and military personnel within the Department of Navy. The NMCI contract will be used to purchase PCs, software, laptops, telephones, VTC, printers, scanners, faxes, copiers, telephones, network services, etc. NMCI backbone infrastructure will support our application servers, such as QOLMIS. These servers will attach to the NMCI network and a fee will be assessed for that interface. This fee is referred to as a Seat cost.

What is a Seat or Seat cost?

- A Seat is the type and level of access an individual needs as connection to the Intranet. Thus a seat is really a connection to the Intranet. The type and level of access will determine the monthly fee that will be assessed for that connection to the Intranet = Seat Cost.

What kind of seats are there and what should we be asking for?

- Thin Client Seats (approx Pentium 400 - \$194.66/mo.) for those using standard software.

Those that need extra CPU speed and/or memory (using other CPU intensive software like Lotus Notes, Oracle, Adobe Photoshop, etc.) will get a Red Seat (P-III 800 - \$246.51/mo.). The difference is about \$50 per month. The other seats, Blue and White, are very similar to Red in price and capability (P-III 733 - \$238.64 and Celeron 566 - \$232.34). Again, discuss this with your local IT POC. Local limitations will apply since local commands will have to pay for Seat costs.

What happens to our PCs that we have for customer/Guest use? Do we have to pay seat costs for additional PCs used by customers/guests? Who pays these costs?

Customer/guest use PCs.

- Connected to NMCI Intranet: Local Command would have to pay Seat costs.
- Dial-in Internet connection (not NMCI Intranet): They are considered free-standing desktops for Guest use. Local Command would have to pay for dial-in costs.

What is my responsibility in this as a Center (FFSC or FAPC ) Director?

- Contact and work closely with your local Installation IT POC who has responsibility to coordinate all efforts. This POC may be at the installation level or at the Regional level. Make sure you are included when it comes time to conduct the official survey of your needs. Here at PERS-66, we are currently conducting the survey of our equipment and software authorized for each desktop. You do not automatically get all Microsoft (MS) software. [Example, I use MS Visio 2000, MS Project, and a number of other software applications that are not MS, such as, Lotus Notes -- I have to make sure this software is identified as a requirement for my desktop.] The NMCI standard suite, at this time, will be pretty basic -- Word, Excel, Power Point. Make absolutely certain all your needs are identified and documented.
- More information is available, and is must reading, in the attached message (NMCI Legacy APPS) for NMCI responsibilities for ensuring continued functionality of Legacy Systems (QOLMIS/CMS is a legacy system). The following is excerpted from the attached msg defining NMCI's requirements for support to Legacy Systems. "UNDER THE CURRENT CONTRACT, THE INFORMATION STRIKE FORCE (ISF) IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE 'ACCESS' TO EXISTING LEGACY APPLICATIONS. THIS ACCESS IS FURTHER DEFINED AS A PROCESS THAT RESULTS IN AVAILABILITY OF THE FULL FUNCTIONALITY OF SYSTEM / APPLICATION AT THE END-USER DESKTOP. THE ISF WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO APPLICATIONS ACROSS THE NMCI NETWORK FOR NMCI SEATS WITHIN THE BASIC SEAT PRICE. ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO

**ACCOMMODATE APPLICATION ACCESSIBILITY VIA THE NMCI NETWORK TRANSPORT MECHANISMS. IF CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST THAT PROHIBIT THIS, THE ISF WILL WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE THE BEST APPROACH FOR SATISFYING ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. ALTHOUGH THE ISF IS REQUIRED BY THE CONTRACT TO PROVIDE THIS "ACCESS", IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE DON TO UTILIZE THIS TRANSITION TO NMCI AS A MEANS TO IMPROVE STANDARDIZATION AND REDUCE THE INSTANCES OF DUPLICATION OR REDUNDANT USE OF COTS/GOTS SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS. 3. THE PROCESS TO SUPPORT THE ACCESS AND SUBSEQUENT INTEGRATION OF LEGACY APPLICATIONS IS BROKEN DOWN INTO THE FOLLOWING STEPS:"**

- **Single Integrated Human Resource System (SIHRS) Strategy:** What is it? The vision is, "A world class human resource system supporting all Navy: single data entry to logically linked databases; internet connectivity will be icon driven integrated applications; broad access at the headquarters, command, and individual level leveraging the Navy/Marine Corps Intranet; enabling enhanced decision making, reduction of command level of effort to manage/support personnel, and simplified processes for Sailors to review records, update information, and conduct administrative actions." SIHRS requires that we standardize the way we define the data elements in our databases so that our web enabled, or web based systems, can integrate with other systems. In theory this will increase data accuracy by eliminating data redundancy and system inefficiency.
- **Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System (DIMHRS):** What is it? DIMHRS is a software application that will provide fully integrated military personnel and pay capability for all Components of the Military Services of the DoD. It will provide personnel and pay support through a Service member's career. DIMHRS will retain and maintain the data in a single, comprehensive record of service to the Service member. The data and information will be available through interfaces and/or direct access to Service personnel chiefs, CINCs, military personnel and pay managers and authorized users in OSD and other Federal Agencies. Each service will use a common DoD database. The long-term goal is to replace all service's systems that deal with personnel with DIMHRS.
- **What is status of NMCI Assumption of Responsibility (AOR)? Latest schedule is at [http://www.persnet.navy.mil/pers66/1st\\_Increment\\_AOR\\_Status\\_020101.PDF](http://www.persnet.navy.mil/pers66/1st_Increment_AOR_Status_020101.PDF)**

**What is the status of QOLMIS/CMS?**

- **We are contracting to convert Lotus Notes to Sequential Query Language (SQL) and web enable the system.**
- **When? Beginning Aug 2001 with projected completion of the conversion and web enablement phase by Apr-May 2002.**
- **Why? The data bases are outdated, not cost effective to continue operation of a Lotus Notes client server system (even if we upgrade and web enable the system it will still not be compatible with Navy systems and requirements - Navy is going Microsoft and must meet SIHRS concept).**
- **What do we do in the meantime? Continue using the present Lotus Notes System. NMCI has requirement to ensure Legacy Systems continue to operate until we get the system converted and web enabled. All systems have to be web enabled by end of FY02.**
- **Where are we at with this conversion and web enabling of lotus Notes process/ Owen Yoder is completing the Operational Requirements Document (ORD). We plan to have a contract in place by Aug 2001. The contractor will conduct interviews to develop and document specific requirements. The contractor will visit designated sites. Those sites will be announced by time of contract award. Once the contractor has documented requirements, the program will be converted, web enabled, tested at HQ and field sites, final approval and deployment.**

- **What happens to our legacy data and our active cases and customer files? We will work with the contractor to ensure legacy data can be accessed if required. Active cases and customer files will be converted and accessible.**