

# Upgrading America's Digital Infrastructure CIO Council: IPv6 Update

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# Goals



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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICERS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Transition to IPv6

The Federal government is committed to the operational deployment and use of Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6). This memo describes specific steps for agencies to expedite the operational deployment and use of IPv6. The Federal government must transition to IPv6 in order to:

- Enable the successful deployment and expansion of key Federal information technology (IT) modernization initiatives, such as Cloud Computing, Broadband, and SmartGrid, which rely on robust, scalable Internet networks;
- Reduce complexity and increase transparency of Internet services by eliminating the architectural need to rely on Network Address Translation (NAT) technologies;
- Enable ubiquitous security services for end-to-end network communications that will serve as the foundation for securing future Federal IT systems; and,
- Enable the Internet to continue to operate efficiently through an integrated, well-architected networking platform and accommodate the future expansion of Internet-based services.

In order to facilitate timely and effective IPv6 adoption, agencies shall:

- Upgrade public/external facing servers and services (e.g. web, email, DNS, ISP services, etc) to operationally use native IPv6 by the end of FY 2012<sup>1</sup>;
- Upgrade internal client applications that communicate with public Internet servers and supporting enterprise networks to operationally use native IPv6 by the end of FY 2014;
- Designate an IPv6 Transition Manager and submit their name, title, and contact information to [IPv6@omb.eop.gov](mailto:IPv6@omb.eop.gov) by October 30, 2010. The IPv6 Transition Manager is to serve as the person responsible for leading the agency's IPv6 transition activities, and liaison with the wider Federal IPv6 effort as necessary; and,
- Ensure agency procurements of networked IT comply with FAR requirements for use of the USGv6 Profile and Test Program for the completeness and quality of their IPv6 capabilities.

To facilitate the Federal government's adoption of IPv6, OMB will work with NIST to continue the evolution and implementation of the USGv6 Profile and Testing Program. This Program will provide the technical basis for expressing requirements for IPv6 technologies and will test commercial products' support of corresponding capabilities.

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# IPv6 Plan Checklists

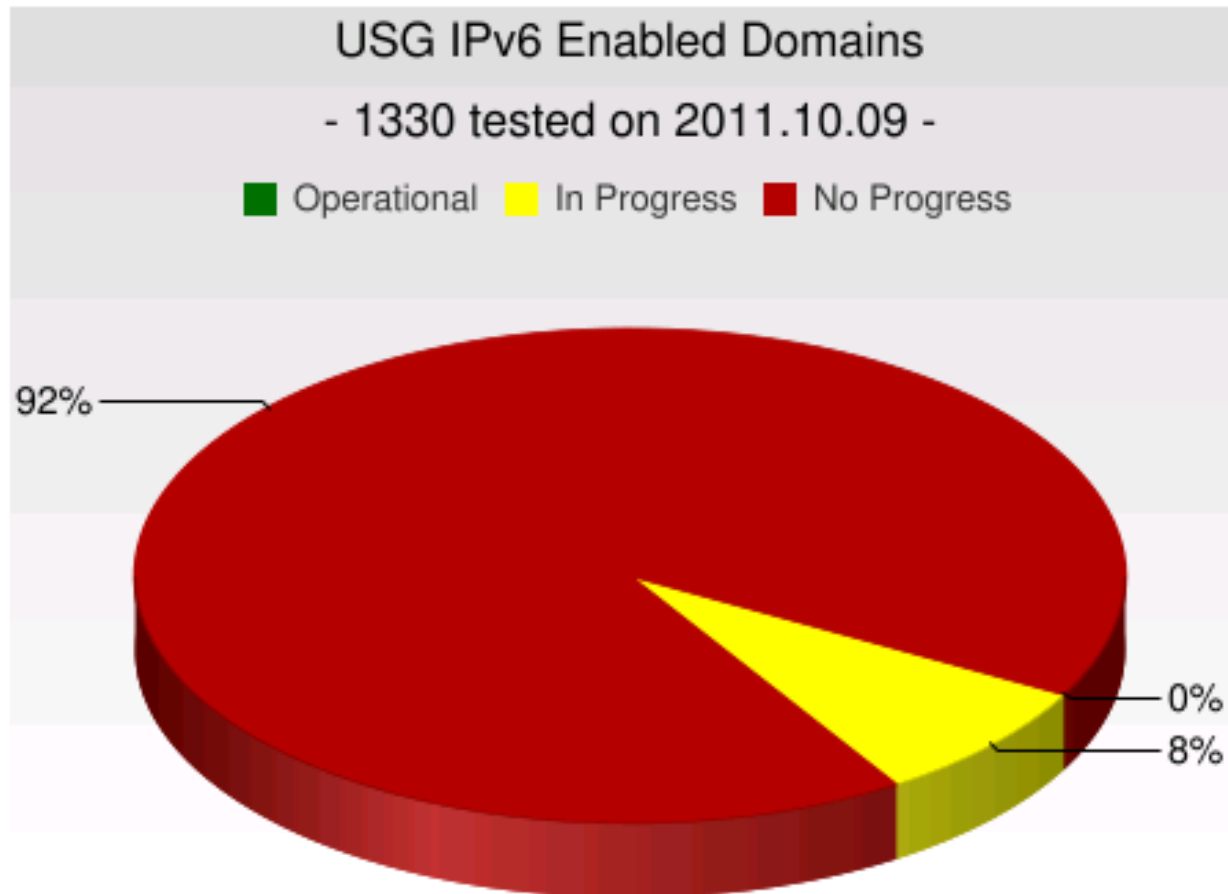
Fedv6 Task Force				
Public Facing & External Servers and Services				
3 Agency:				
4 Transition Manager:				
5 Contact Information:				
6 Email, Phone				
7 Service	URL	Planned Live Date	Actual Live Date	
8 e.g. DNS	ns1.agency.gov	6/1/2011	5/1/2011	
9 e.g. Web server	www.agency.gov	6/1/2011	5/15/2011	
10 e.g. Mail server	mail.agency.gov	3/31/2012	2/1/2012	

Fedv6 Task Force				
Internal Client Applications that Communicate with Public Internet Servers and Services				
3 Agency:				
4 Transition Manager:				
5 Contact Info:				
6 Email, Phone				
7 Service	# of Clients (per OU)	Test Method	Planned Live Date	Actual Live Date
8 e.g. Mail client	NIST: 6500	IPv6 Deployment Tests 2.3	6/1/2014	12/12/2013
9 e.g. Web browser	NIST: 6500	IPv6 Deployment Tests 2.2	6/1/2014	12/12/2013

Fedv6 Task Force: Agency Transition Manager Checklist						
Number	Category	Query	Response (Yes, No, N/A)	Additional Comments (as required)	Artifact (if appropriate)	Planned Completion Date
3 Planning						
1		Have you identified an Agency team of key stakeholders and their responsibilities for meeting the OMB FY 2012 and 2014 mandates?				
2		Are your Agency's plans in synchronization with the Federal IPv6 Task Force and OMB FY 2012 and 2014 mandates (strategy, milestones, compliance with policy)?				
3		Has your Agency developed guidance for delineating your Agency's strategy and responsibilities for managing and achieving the OMB FY 2012 and 2014 mandates?				
4		Have you completed the identification of your Agency's IT assets within scope of the FY 2012 mandate (public facing servers and services, for example, web, email, DNS, FTP, ISP services, etc)?			Tab 2 of this worksheet.	
5		Have you completed the identification of your Agency's IT assets within scope of the FY 2014 mandate (internal client applications that communicate with the public Internet services and supporting enterprise networks)?			Tab 3 of this worksheet.	
6		Have you incorporated USGv6 compliant products in your acquisition planning per the FAR?				
7		Have you identified any unique IPv6 requirements from your user community?				
8		Have your plans been approved by the appropriate authority and key stakeholders within your Agency?				


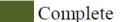
- OMB hosted initial agency meetings Nov 15, 2010 to Jan 18, 2011
- Agencies submitted completed IPv6 plan checklists (v1.0) to OMB in April 2011
- Agencies will be requested to re-submit Tab 4 of the checklist (v1.1) to OMB in preparation for agency progress meetings

# IPv6 Deployment Monitor ... broad view



# Sample IPv6 Execution Timeline

Sample Agency IPv6 Execution Timeline 2012 Public Facing Execution	Key Stakeholders (External)	Milestone							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Jun-11	Dec-11	Jun-12	Dec-12	Jun-13	Dec-13	Jun-14	Dec-14
<b>Network Connectivity</b>									
Internet Gateway 1 IPv6 Enabled	Network or other Carriers (ISP)								
Internet Gateway 2 IPv6 Enabled									
Internet Gateway 3 IPv6 Enabled									
Internet Gateway 4 IPv6 Enabled									
Internet Gateway 4 IPv6 Enabled									
<b>Addressing</b>									
ISP Provided IPv6 Addresses	Network or other Carriers (ISP)								
Announce Agency IPv6 Addresses	ARIN								
<b>Routing</b>									
<b>Basic IPv6 Routing</b>									
IPv6 BGP Routing Gateway 1	Network or other Carriers (ISP) Routing Vendors								
IPv6 BGP Routing Gateway 2									
IPv6 BGP Routing Gateway 3									
IPv6 BGP Routing Gateway 4									
IPv6 Multi-home Routing									
<b>Domain Name Services (DNS)</b>									
ns1 IPv6 enabled	GSA (.gov) DNS Providers								
ns2 IPv6 enabled									
ns3 IPv6 enabled									
ns4 IPv6 enabled									
<b>Primary Agency Domain (www.agency.gov)</b>									
Phase 1	Cloud/Hosting Providers								
Phase 2	Web Vendors								
<b>Mail</b>									
Inbound SMTP IPv6 Enabled	Cloud/Hosting Providers								
Outbound SMTP IPv6 Enabled	SMTP/Mail Security Vendors								
<b>Security</b>									
DMZ Basic IPv6 Security	MTIPS/TICAP Providers								
DMZ Comparable IPv6 Security	Security Vendors								
Full IPv6 Security	Security Service Providers								
<b>Network Management</b>									
Basic IPv6 Network Management	Network Management Vendors								
Comparable IPv6 Network Management									
Full IPv6 Network Management									
<b>Public Facing Domains</b>									
1 Public Facing Domain IPv6 Enabled	Cloud/Hosting Providers								
35% Public Facing Domains IPv6 Enabled	Web Vendors								
100% Public Facing Domains IPv6 Enabled									
<b>Pilots</b>									
Mission Pilots	Impacted Vendors/Providers								

Legend
 In Progress
 Complete

Sample Agency IPv6 Execution Timeline 2014 Enterprise Network Execution	Key Stakeholders (External)	Milestone							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Jun-11	Dec-11	Jun-12	Dec-12	Jun-13	Dec-13	Jun-14	Dec-14
<b>Network Connectivity</b>									
<b>Core/Backbone Network</b>									
Infrastructure Routers 25%	Network or other Carriers Router Vendors								
Infrastructure Routers 50%									
Infrastructure Routers 100%									
<b>Addressing</b>									
<b>Internal IPv6 Addresses Allocated</b>									
DHCPv6 Enabled 25%	ARIN DCHPv6 Vendors								
DHCPv6 Enabled 50%									
DHCPv6 Enabled 100%									
<b>Routing</b>									
<b>Core/Backbone Network Routing</b>									
Infrastructure Routing 25%	Network or other Carriers Router Vendors								
Infrastructure Routing 50%									
Infrastructure Routing 100%									
<b>Domain Name Services (DNS)</b>									
Internal DNS IPv6 Enabled	DNS Vendors								
<b>Data Centers</b>									
<b>Data Center 1 IPv6 Enabled</b>									
Data Center 2 IPv6 Enabled	Network or other Carriers								
Data Center 3 IPv6 Enabled	Router Vendors								
Data Center 4 IPv6 Enabled	IT Vendors								
	Service Providers								
<b>Mail</b>									
Exchange IPv6 Enabled	Mail Vendors								
<b>Internal Applications &amp; Services</b>									
IPv6 Enabled Apps & Services 25%	Application Vendors Service Providers IT Vendors								
IPv6 Enabled Apps & Services 50%									
IPv6 Enabled Apps & Services 75%									
IPv6 Enabled Apps & Services 100%									
<b>End Device Transition</b>									
<b>Internal Servers IPv6 Enabled 25%</b>									
Internal Servers IPv6 Enabled 50%	Server & OS Vendors								
Internal Servers IPv6 Enabled 75%	Virtualization Vendors								
Internal Servers IPv6 Enabled 100%	IT Vendors								
<b>User Computers IPv6 Enabled 25%</b>									
User Computers IPv6 Enabled 50%	Laptop/Desktop & OS Vendors								
User Computers IPv6 Enabled 75%									
User Computers IPv6 Enabled 100%									
<b>PDA/Mobile Devices IPv6 Enabled 25%</b>									
PDA/Mobile Devices IPv6 Enabled 50%	PDA Vendors								
PDA/Mobile Devices IPv6 Enabled 75%									
PDA/Mobile Devices IPv6 Enabled 100%									
<b>Mission Devices IPv6 Enabled 25%</b>									
Mission Devices IPv6 Enabled 50%	IT Vendors Device Vendors								
Mission Devices IPv6 Enabled 75%									
Mission Devices IPv6 Enabled 100%									
<b>Pilots</b>									
<b>Enclave Pilot Phase 1</b>									
Enclave Pilot Phase 2	IT Vendors								
Enclave Pilot Phase 3									

# Key Focus Areas for Agencies

## **PROCURE ALL NECESSARY SERVICES, EQUIPMENT, AND SOFTWARE**

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- Review efforts to obtain new IPv6 services (e.g., Networx/MTIPS), and update existing agency contracts
- Procure necessary equipment and software: Procurement, Acquisition and IT teams need to collaborate
- Follow-up with your vendors/service providers on any IPv6 related issues, and elevate issues as needed

## **EXECUTE YOUR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

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- Review your quarterly milestones to stay on track
- Use the “IPv6 Transition Manager’s Checklist” and “Sample IPv6 Execution Timeline” as progress guides
- Leverage the IPv6 Deployment Test Suite provided by NIST
- Monitor agency progress via the NIST IPv6 Deployment Monitor

## **ACTIVELY MANAGE JOINT INITIATIVES**

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- Ensure the identification of all department-wide IPv6 services and match this inventory to funding
- Review IPv6 inventory and agency websites published on data.gov for discrepancies<sup>1</sup>
- CIOs, IPv6 Transition Managers, and other relevant parties, should meet regularly to review progress

# Resources

- September 28, 2010 OMB Memorandum  
<http://www.cio.gov/documents/IPv6MemoFINAL.pdf>
- IPv6 FAR Amendment  
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-28931.pdf>
- USG v6 Profile (NIST SP 500-267)  
<http://www.antd.nist.gov/usgv6/usgv6-v1.pdf>
- NIST USGv6 Deployment Test Suite  
<http://www.antd.nist.gov/usgv6/>
- Suppliers Declaration of Conformity Template  
<http://www.antd.nist.gov/usgv6/sdoc.html>
- USGv6 Test Method: General Description and Validation, NIST SP 500-273  
<http://w3.antd.nist.gov/usgv6/NIST-SP-500-273.v2.print.pdf>
- USGv6 Testing Program User's Guide , NIST SP 500-281  
<http://w3.antd.nist.gov/usgv6/docs/NIST-SP-500-281-v1.0.pdf>

# Resources (continued)

- Guidelines for the Secure Deployment of IPv6 , SP 800-119  
<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications>
- NIST IPv6 Deployment Monitor  
<http://fedv6-deployment.antd.nist.gov/>
- IPv6 Wiki For Transition Managers  
<https://max.omb.gov/community/x/EhPVI>
- NTIA IPv6 Web-page and Resources  
<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/ipv6>
- Planning Guide/Roadmap Toward IPv6 Adoption within the U.S. Government  
<http://www.cio.gov>



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# Background

# Progress to Date

- FAR amended December 2009 to include requirements for IPv6
- NIST developed a testing infrastructure, which is working to test IPv6 products
- NIST deployed the IPv6 Deployment Monitor
- OMB and IPv6 Task Force conducted Agency meetings between November 15, 2010 and January 18, 2011
- Task Force initiated monthly Interagency IPv6 WG meetings in February 2011
  - Share Information; Identify Open Issues; Learn from Examples
- Task Force and Transition Managers studied Virginia Tech Deployment Model
- Task Force developed IPv6 FAQs
- Agencies submitted IPv6 plan checklist to OMB in April 2011
- Networx/MTIPS vendor day hosted in May 2011
- IPv6 Interagency subgroups established in May 2011 to target issues
  - Technology, Outreach, and IT Management subgroups
  - Aligned to ACT-IAC groups
- 15 of 24 CFO Act agencies participated in ISOC's World IPv6 Day on June 8, 2011
- Task Force distributed "Sample IPv6 Execution Timeline" on September 14, 2011
- Task Force and ACT/IAC in process of updating IPv6 Roadmap (originally issued in May 2009)