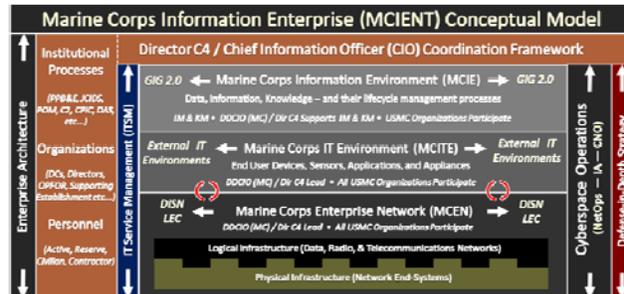




MCIENT STRATEGY

What is it?

The Marine Corps Information Enterprise (MCIENT) Strategy describes an institutional framework for standardizing the development and implementation of information technology (IT) capabilities, policy, security, and governance for operational forces and the supporting establishment. The framework assumes the Marine Corps operates as a single “information enterprise”, that information is a strategic asset, and that information technology best serves the Corps’ needs when it is planned integrally with institutional processes. The MCIENT provides a basis for identifying, describing, planning, and developing IT capabilities needed by the Corps to transition to the post OIF/OEF strategic and fiscal environments. The framework details the interrelation of its core components: the Marine Corps Enterprise Network (MCEN); the Marine Corps Information Technology Environment (MCITE); the Marine Corps Information Environment (MCIE); Cyberspace Operations – grounded in a defense-in-depth strategy; IT Service Management (ITSM); USMC institutional processes, organizations, and personnel; and Enterprise Architecture (EA).



Why is it important for the Marine Corps?

As the Marine Corps transitions to a fiscally constrained but equally complex post-OIF/OEF strategic environment, the need for streamlined and more effective IT solutions emerges. All Marines and Marine Corps organizations use or contribute to the MCIENT by creating, publishing, sharing, or leveraging information to perform their missions. Using the framework to plan for and develop future IT capabilities from an enterprise perspective will help enhance access to mission critical information, improve collaboration with mission partners, improve knowledge sharing, and reduce the Corps’ overall IT lifecycle costs.

What is the current status?

The MCIENT Strategy was published on December 14th, 2010. To date, an aggressive strategic communications program is underway to build awareness of this new strategy and concept. Several in-progress initiatives across the Marine Corps are currently referencing MCIENT objectives including the USMC Supporting Establishment IT Architectural Framework and the Marine Corps Enterprise Network Construct.

What is next?

HQMC C4 will publish the Marine Corp Information Enterprise Roadmap. This document will detail specific implementation requirements, tasks, and policies needed to achieve MCIENT objectives. The roadmap will layout the Marine Corps’ way ahead for the Marine Corps Enterprise Network to include a cloud computing concept, data center consolidation, collaboration, cyber security, and Green IT.

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