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**TO:** Agency Deputy Administrators for Management  
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**SUBJECT:** Authoritative System Inventory

As you know, the Department uses the Automated Security Self-Evaluation and Remediation Tracking (ASSERT) system to meet its obligations under the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA). Effective immediately, agencies shall use the FISMA reporting tool, which currently is ASSERT, as the Department's official repository for OMB reportable systems and is designated as the authoritative system inventory for FISMA reporting.

The official repositories for investment and system budget and architecture information are the Capital Investment Management Repository (CIMR), previously referred to as Worklenz and Enterprise Architecture Repository (EAR), respectively.

To account for the different perspectives related to accreditation boundaries the systems in FISMA and systems in EAR and CIMR will be cross referenced with each other. This cross referencing will be accommodated in each repository using the unique CIMR investment and system number and a unique Certification and Accreditation (C&A) number.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Williams at (202) 720-8833.