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Internal Revenue Service

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EFFECTIVE DATE

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PURPOSE

- (1) This transmits revised Internal Revenue Manual (IRM) 10.8.20, Information Technology (IT) Security, Windows Security Policy. This IRM establishes a comprehensive policy to implement the minimum security controls to safeguard Windows workstations and servers within the IRS organization.

MATERIAL CHANGES

- (1) The following sections have been updated/clarified/removed with this version of policy:
 - a. IRM 10.8.20 has been completely restructured to align with IRM 10.8.1, *Technology (IT) Security, Policy and Guidance* format. Many sections have been added, revised, deleted or relocated within this IRM. For a detailed listing of the changes please see Exhibit 10.8.20-4.
 - b. The following Interim Guidance (IG) Memorandums have been incorporated: IT-10-0317-0006: BIOS Configuration, Distributed Transaction Coordinator (DTC) Service and Host-based Intrusion Detection Sensors (HIDS), dated April 1, 2017; and IT-10-0816-0014: Remote Procedure Call Locator Service, Windows Remote Management Service and Smart Card Removal Behavior, dated September 2, 2016.
- (2) Editorial changes (including grammar, spelling, and minor clarification) were made throughout the IRM.

EFFECT ON OTHER DOCUMENTS

This IRM supersedes all prior versions of IRM 10.8.20. IRM 10.8.20 dated March 18, 2015, is superseded. Additionally, this IRM was updated to incorporate Interim Guidance Memorandums IT-10-0317-0006, and IT-10-0816-0014. This IRM supplements IRM 10.8.1, *Information Technology (IT) Security, Policy and Guidance*; and IRM 10.8.2 *Information Technology (IT) Security, IT Security Roles and Responsibilities*.

AUDIENCE

IRM 10.8.20 shall be distributed to all personnel responsible for ensuring that adequate security is provided for IRS information and information systems. This policy applies to all employees, contractors, and vendors of the IRS.

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Windows Security Policy

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