

**Mobilizing our Diplomatic Corps**

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**Summary**

The Department of State has taken significant steps to provide mobile solutions to its workforce. However, only approximately 13 thousand of our 50 thousand American and LES employees worldwide have mobile computing access. As recent events surrounding the H1N1 virus, various instances of mission closures overseas due to civil unrest, and natural disasters have demonstrated additional mobile capabilities are needed. The Department operates in a globally distributed environment where the ability to be mobile, and yet still connected, is a core mission requirement.

Expanding current mobile access benefits the day-to-day functions of diplomacy, and ancillary needs for pandemic planning, work/life balance, and supports "green" initiatives. Mobile access should become de rigueur for all employees, just like receiving an identification badge and a computer logon. Instead of the current arrangement that forces bureaus and posts to determine who should or should not receive One fobs based on the budget situation, the decision would be made that every employee should have this ability. The most immediate impact would be realized by issuing OpenNet Everywhere (ONE) access fobs to all American full-time employees overseas. Our diplomats overseas are the tip of the diplomatic spear. This could be done fairly quickly, at reasonable cost, and would be the initial phase of providing "everybody" with mobile access.

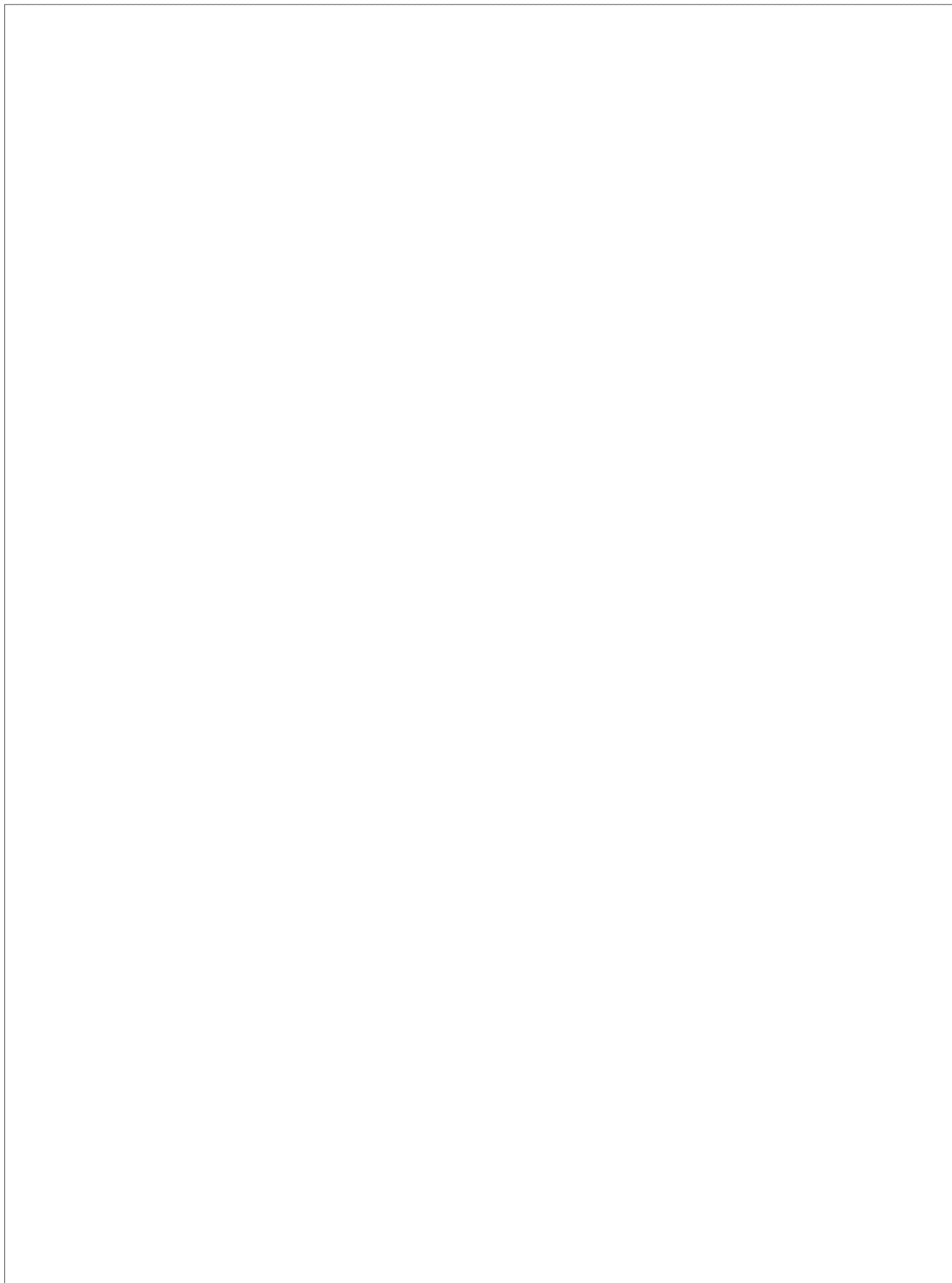
**Background**

Providing ONE fobs to all overseas American FTE would require purchasing 8,000 fobs.

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**Assumptions**



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**Recommendation**

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**Recommendation 2**

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