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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES
DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR LOGISTICS
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE PROCUREMENT
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES

Subject: Automation of Past Performance Information

On 20 November 1997, I established policy guidelines for collection of Past Performance Information (PPI) across the Department of Defense. One objective of that policy was the automation of PPI. To ensure successful planning for DoD's ability to pilot a central retrieval automation capability, each component is asked to identify any existing automated system used to collect past performance information. The attachment to this memorandum includes the known automated databases. Please provide information on additional databases in the same format as the attachment by March 2, 1998. This pilot activity will be initiated in March 1998 and conducted by the Joint Electronic Commerce Project Office.

The DoD Past Performance Automated Information System (PPAIS) pilot project will demonstrate:

- connectivity with the Air Force and Navy Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting Systems, the Army Past Performance Information Management System, the Navy Product Data Reporting and Evaluation Program and Red/Yellow/Green systems, the Defense Logistics Agency Automated Best Value Method (ABVM), and the Defense Information System Agencies Contractor Past Performance Evaluation Toolkit;
- capability for collecting and maintaining 'report cards' centrally for selected test sites that do not have their own PPI collection systems;
- retrieval of accurate and complete PPI;
- system security that ensures contractors can access PPAIS to review and comment on their-own contract performance but not gain access to other assessments; and
- ability to cross reference an index of completed Software Capability Evaluations.

Additionally, I direct the Past Performance Integrated Product Team (IPT) to ensure that it develops a methodology for use of passively collected past performance information that considers logistics and acquisition reform effort. Passive collection is defined as any method of past performance assessment that relies on information obtained from a number of external pre-existing information sources. These passive information sources, are managed by the Department of Defense and may include contract administration, quality, reliability, and payment sources. Past performance ratings developed using passive collection systems are subject to the contractor review process required by FAR Part 42.

The IPT should first determine the databases that will be relied on for future passive collection in DoD, coordinating with the Standard Procurement System, Paperless 2000 and Logistics efforts. The current list of these potential databases is attached. This group should also examine the current methodologies used by the two Defense passive systems (i.e., ABVM and Red/Yellow/Green) for broad application to the Department. To ensure that these methods are equitably applied to all commodity areas, I encourage you to include industry representatives,

as appropriate, in your endeavors. The results of the passive collection automation effort should be provided to me by May 30, 1998.

Please provide any updates to existing data bases in the attachment to LeAntha Sumpter at (703) 614-3883 or sumpteld@acq.osd.mil.

Attachment:
As stated



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Automated Past Performance Information Systems

Army

- 1. System Nomenclature:** Past Performance Information Management System (PPIMS)

System Description: Web-based automated information management system for supplies, services and systems

Dollar Threshold: Mandatory thresholds according to FAR 42.1502 (Deviation No. 97-000009); HCAs may establish lower thresholds

Operational Date: 10/1/97

Type System: Web-based using NT/SQL Server/DBMS.

Current Users: Army

Applicable Regulations: AFARS

Point of Contact: Functional - Susan Erwin: 703-681-9292
Technical - Terry Thacker: 540-731-3459

- 2. System Nomenclature:** Architect-Engineer Contract Administration Support System (ACASS)

System Description: ACASS is an automated database of information on architect-engineers (A-E) firms maintained by the Portland (Oregon) District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The purpose of the ACASS is threefold: 1) measure Past Performance, 2) has Standard Form 254, except for block 11, and 3) gives summaries of DD 250 for actions over \$25,000.

Dollar Threshold: All contract actions above \$25,000

Operational Date: ACASS was developed in the 1970s.

Type System: Oracle-based system (mainframe) but there is also read-only access on the Internet.

Current Users: 70-200 users both DoD and the Federal Sector mainly Army and Navy

Applicable Regulations: FAR Part 36; DFAR Part 236

Point of Contact: Policy Questions: Donna Smigel (202)761-0336
Technical: Kim Morrow (503) 808-4590
Mail requests for access to ACASS, on agency letterhead, along with your funding (MIPR or LOI) to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, CENWP-CT-1, ACASS Center, P.O. Box 2946, Portland, OR 97208-2946

- 3. System Nomenclature:** Construction Contractor Appraisal Support System (CCASS)

System Description: CCASS is an automated database of information on construction contractors maintained by the Portland (Oregon) District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Dollar Threshold: above \$100,000 (they got a waiver to the \$500,000 rule)
Operational Date: 1985
Type System: Oracle-based system (mainframe) but there is also read-only access on the Internet.
Current Users: Army, Navy
Applicable Regulations: FAR Part 36; DFAR Part 236
Point of Contact: Kim Morrow (503) 808-4590

Navy

4. **System Nomenclature:** Product Data Reporting and Evaluation Program (PDREP)
System Description: PDREP is an automated system containing quality, delivery, and other performance data on products/services supplied to the Navy. Database is used by Red Yellow Green (RYG) program (a subset of PDREP), technical, quality, contracting groups and other DoD Service programs.
Dollar Threshold: none
Operational Date: 1983
Type System: Oracle-based client server system. Internet accessible. A world wide web site is planned.
Current Users: Navy, Army, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, DLA
Applicable Regulations: FAR Part 42, 15, 12 and 13, SECNAVINST 4855.3
Point of Contact: John Deforge 603-431-9460 x450
Paul Couture 603-431-9460 x480

5. **System Nomenclature:** Department of the Navy Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS)
System Description: CPARS is an automated database for collection of contract performance information in Systems, Operations Support, Information Technology, and Services sectors.
Dollar Threshold: From \$500K to over \$5M, depending on business sector.
Operational Date: Pending outcome of pilot. Scheduled for Feb 1998.
Type System: Oracle-based system with world wide web accessibility (www.nslcptsmh.navsea.navy.mil).
Current Users: To be distributed to Navy pilot test sites early Feb. 1998. Available for Navy wide use February 28, 1998.
Applicable Regulations: FAR Part 42,15, DON CPARS Guide, October 2, 1997.
Point of Contact: Wendell Smith 603-431-9460 x451
Paul Couture 603-431-9460 x480

6. **System Nomenclature:** Health Care Acquisition Performance System (HCAPS)
System Description: HCAPS is an automated database for collection of Medical Services Contract performance information.
Dollar Threshold: Input is collected on all dollar value requirements
Operational Date: June 1997

Type System: Oracle-based client server system, Internet accessible.
Planning a world wide web site.
Current Users: Navy, Army, Air Force and Indian Health Services
Applicable Regulations: FAR Part 42,15
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Air Force

7. **System Nomenclature:** Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS)
System Description: Data on contractor past performance for all qualifying contracts.
Dollar Threshold: \$5,000,000 and above.
Operational Date:
Type System: System data is available on the Internet at www.afmc.wpafb.af.mil/HQ-AFMC/PK/pkp/pkpa/cpartrnd.htm
Current Users: Air Force
Applicable Regulations:
Point of Contact: Ms. Lois Todd (937) 257-4657 or DSN 787-4657

Defense Logistics Agency

8. **System Nomenclature:** Automated Best Value Model (ABVM)
System Description: ABVM is a DLA information system that collects contractor
Dollar Threshold: Purchases above \$25,000
Operational Date:
Type System: The ABVM system uses a flat file database structure, a DORAN Hitachi IBM compatible mainframe, Hewlett Packard minicomputers and PCs. The existng ABVM system is to be migrated to ABVS, an oracle database and maintained at the DLA Columbus, OH data center in 1997.
Current Users: DLA
Applicable Regulations:
Point of Contact: Catherine Heretick 703-767-1361

Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)

9. **System Nomenclature:** Contractor Past Performance Evaluation Toolkit
System Description: Web-based automated tool
Dollar Threshold: Mandatory for \$1M and above
Operational Date: October 96
Type System: Web-based. Client hardware - any x86 PC, MAC, Unix workstation capable of client software. Client software - Netscape Navigator 2.02 or higher; Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 or higher

Current Users:

DISA contracts

Applicable Regulations:

FAR Parts 15 and 42; USD (A&T) Nov 20,1997 policy
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