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Reply to
Office of the Commanding General

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LETTER TO Joint Contracting Command – Iraq/Afghanistan Contractors

SUBJECT: Uniform Code of Military Justice Jurisdiction for Iraq and Afghanistan Contractors

Dear Sir/Madame:

Your employees perform with remarkable professionalism under trying conditions. However, I must remind you of the contract terms that apply when an employee does not act accordingly.

Contractors must comply with Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) clause 252.225-7040--Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany U.S. Armed Forces Deployed Outside the United States, paragraph (d). Contractors and their employees must abide by U.S. laws and Host Nation laws. In addition, Contractors must comply with all fragmentary orders (FRAGOs), i.e., command directives, issued by the Corps or Force commanders or Commander, U.S. Central Command. The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) is one such body of U.S. law applicable to contractors accompanying the force during contingency operations.

Under the UCMJ, U.S. commanders may discipline contractor employees for offenses ranging from fraud and theft to assault and other crimes against persons. Further, Contractors have an affirmative duty to advise the Contracting Officer if they suspect an employee has committed an offense. Finally, Contractors must not permit an employee suspected of a serious offense or violating the Rules for the Use of Force to depart Iraq or Afghanistan without approval from the senior commander in the country.

The continued professionalism of our contractor partners accompanying the forces is critical to the success of the Department of Defense and Command missions. I appreciate your continued attention to this matter.


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Commanding General and
Head of the Contracting Activity