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SUBJECT: Forecast of Policy for Unique Identification of Tangible Items – UPDATE

On February 11-12, 2003, the Department of Defense (DoD) Unique Identification (UID) Integrated Product Team (IPT), met to further define policy requirements and an implementation strategy to achieve a long-term UID item marking vision. During the two-day offsite meeting, the IPT re-validated the vision established in my December 19, 2002 memorandum, defined key terms for unique identification of tangible items, and made great strides in rationalizing requirements of existing standards to support DoD's use of unique identification. The purpose of this memorandum is to communicate that progress and establish the next steps for the UID IPT.

The IPT validated that:

- The purpose of UID is to identify a set of data for tangible assets that is globally unique and unambiguous, ensures data integrity and data quality throughout the life of the asset, and supports multi-faceted business applications and users.
- The unique identification of tangible assets will rely, to the maximum extent practicable, on international standards and commercial item markings and not impose unique government requirements.
- Implementation of UID will facilitate item tracking in DoD business systems as well as the capture of reliable and accurate data for life-cycle asset management, accountability, and financial purposes.
- This UID solution is different from that being developed for real property.



The IPT identified the minimum data set for the UID and defined several key terms integral to the implementation of a UID policy. Included in those terms are the data content elements of the UID. Familiarization and understanding of those key terms and the evolving policy can be accomplished by reviewing the attachments to this memorandum.

Additional policy communications will be forthcoming as further definition is achieved. My plan remains to make UID item marking a mandatory requirement for all new weapons systems programs, including major modifications, no later than July 2003.

The IPT will continue to work on remaining issues in the following areas:

- Develop policy for marking of tangible items already in inventory and operational use, specifically focusing on requirements of major system modifications.
- Develop policy modifications to MIL-STD-129, MIL-STD-130, DoD 4140.1-R, DoDI 5000.2, DoDI 5000.64, DoD 7000.14-R, CJCSI 3170.1C, DCMA One Book, and MIL Handbook 61A to ensure synchronized policy execution.
- Issue an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to expedite two Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) cases:
 - One on item marking, and
 - One on item value.
- Develop business strategies to prioritize the application of UID to legacy items.
- Submit proposed collaborative standards solution through International Organization of Standards (ISO) process to obtain approval by Sub-Committee 31
- Prepare a pledge document for key business stakeholders to ensure support for this strategic imperative
- Develop a users guide on UID requirements and application.
- Determine minimum architecture/systems requirements to capture UID information at inspection and acceptance and identify opportunities for rapid implementation.

The point of contact is Lt Col Gregory Redick. Questions concerning this guidance should be addressed to him at (703) 614-3883 or by email at Gregory.redick@osd.mil.

Attachment:
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ACTION MEMO

April 3, 2003, 5:30 p.m.

FOR: PRINCIPAL DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (AT&L)

FROM: LeAntha Sumpter/Special Assistant, Defense Procurement & Acquisition Policy *LeAntha Sumpter 4/14/03*

SUBJECT: Forecast of Policy on Unique Identification of Tangible Items

- Attached for your signature is a memorandum updating previously released policy on the same subject.
- This memo describes efforts of the Unique Identification (UID) Integrated Product Team (IPT) to date and forecasts issues the IPT will continue to work. Key terms and the most current draft of the evolving policy are attached for familiarization purposes.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign memo at Tab A.

COORDINATION: NONE

Attachments:
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