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SUBJECT: Reinforcing the Evaluation Requirements of Contracting Officers under
DoDI 5000.66

Section 813 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2007 (Pub. L. 109-364), directed the Secretary to establish a "Panel on Contracting Integrity." The purpose of the Panel is to eliminate areas of vulnerability in the DoD contracting system to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse to occur and to provide recommendations to Congress. The Panel recommended supporting the functional independence of contracting officers by reinforcing the provisions of DoD Instruction 5000.66 in the preparation of their performance evaluations.

DoDI 5000.66 establishes requirements for the evaluation of contracting officers. Specifically, the Instruction requires the Heads of DoD Components, acting through their Component Acquisition Executive, to ensure that at least first-level evaluations of contracting officers are performed within the contracting career chain. For those under the National Security Personnel System, the term "first-level evaluation" means a rating official's recommended rating. The only exception is the performance evaluation of the senior official in charge of contracting for the organization, when this official is not the primary contracting officer for the organization.

In addition, the first-level evaluation must be provided by a contracting official who has direct knowledge of the individual's performance and is at least one level above the contracting officer. It should be routine practice to seek input from program



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managers or others within the organization receiving direct support from the contracting officer.

This policy ensures functional independence of contracting officers and the ability to make sound business decisions without improper influence. Organizations with contracting officers are to submit the attached self-certification to the Director, Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, by October 31, 2008, and every 2 years thereafter. Compliance with this policy will be evaluated during Procurement Management Reviews.

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Attachment:
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BIENNIAL CERTIFICATION

In accordance with DoDI 5000.66, paragraph 5.3.12, Heads of DoD Components acting through their Component Acquisition Executives (CAEs) and Senior Procurement Executives (SPEs) are to ensure that at least first-level evaluations of contracting officers are performed within the contracting career chain. The only exception will be the performance evaluation of the senior official in charge of contracting for the organization, when this official is not the primary contracting officer for the organization.

DepSecDef memorandum, "Reinforcing the Evaluation Requirements of Contracting Officers under DoDI 5000.66," clarifies DoDI 5000.66 policy and identifies the requirement for CAEs/SPEs to self-certify biennially that their organizations comply with DoDI 5000.66.

I certify that (organization) is in compliance with the requirements of DoDI 5000.66 and DepSecDef memorandum, "Reinforcing the Evaluation Requirements of Contracting Officers under DoDI 5000.66."

Printed Name, Position, and Organization

Signature

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