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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: CON 090 "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Fundamentals"

Based on agreements among the senior leaders in defense contracting, the implementation date for CON 090 "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Fundamentals" as a DoD Level I Contracting certification training standard is modified from June 1, 2010 to October 1, 2010.

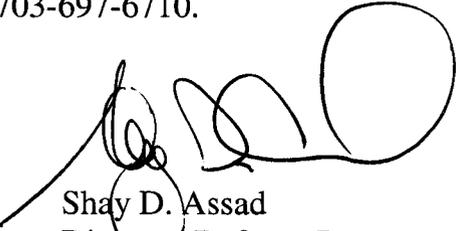
This standard applies to all Defense Acquisition Workforce employees seeking Level I certification in Contracting, except DoD employees in the 1102 occupational series (or military equivalent) on September 30, 2010. This exemption expires on September 30, 2012. Any exempt employees not completing Level I certification standards by September 30, 2012 will be required to complete CON 090.

In order to effectively rollout CON 090 and to enhance the instruction associated with the other 100 level contracting courses, the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) has designed the instruction so that either CON 090 or CON 100 *Shaping Smart Business Arrangements* can be taken as the initial contracting course; however, both must be completed prior to proceeding to CON 110 *Mission-Support Planning*. Accordingly, DAU has announced that CON 090 along with CON 100 will be prerequisites for CON 110 effective October 1, 2010.

The delay in implementation of CON 090 as a training standard for certification and authorization of the exemption are done to provide a smooth transition to the new certification standards. The senior leaders in Defense contracting feel strongly that CON 090 will greatly enhance the knowledge base and capabilities of our new

contracting specialists. Accordingly, DoD Components are highly encouraged to provide exempt employees the opportunity to complete CON 090 course offerings on a space available basis.

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