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SUBJECT: FY13 Procurement Management Review (PMR) Program

Approximately every three to four years, the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), on behalf of this office, leads an independent review of the procurement function of each Other Defense Agency (ODA) and Defense component that performs contracting operations. These reviews assess the effectiveness of the contracting function, analyze and assist in any problem areas, and identify noteworthy practices that may be beneficial to all organizations. The ultimate objective of these reviews is to enhance the performance of your contracting personnel in contributing to the success of your Agency.

Based on the PMR Program's cycle of reviews, and as coordinated with contracting staff at each of these activities, the following reviews have been scheduled for FY13:

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| Oct 29 – Nov 9, 2012 | Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) Arlington, VA |
| Jan 28 – Feb 15, 2013 | United States Special Operations Command (SOCOM) Tampa, FL |
| Mar 4 – 22, 2013 | DoD Education Activity (DoDEA) Alexandria, VA |
| Apr 15 – May 3, 2013 | National Security Agency (NSA) Ft. Meade, MD |
| Jun 3 – 21, 2013 | Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Arlington, VA |
| July 8 – 26, 2013 | Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Ft. Meade, MD and Scott AFB, IL |

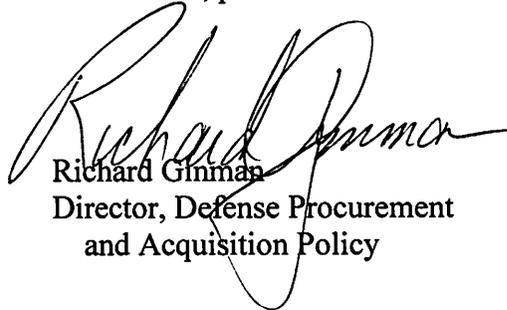
While the Defense Contract Management Agency manages the PMR program, it does not have a full review team. Instead, we all rely on participation from the ODAs and Defense

Components. There is much to be gained from participating on a review, both by the individuals who perform the review and your own organizations. Volunteers gain valuable insight into how other agencies deal with contracting issues. They exchange ideas with the agency being reviewed and the members of their team, and bring back new perspectives that may improve your operation or are beneficial as you prepare for a PMR. I am asking each of the larger ODAs (those with contracting offices of 40 or more employees) to identify at least two individuals, and the other ODAs to identify at least one individual to participate on one of the FY13 PMRs. In light of the benefit of interdepartmental communication and dissemination of best practices, I also invite the Military Departments to nominate volunteers to participate on an ODA PMR. No volunteers are needed for the DSCA review.

Candidates should be GS-13/14/15 or comparable civilian or military levels/ranks, should have strong analytical and writing skills, and should be among your best procurement professionals. DCMA will use this pool of candidates to establish a diverse and experienced review team for each review. Candidates may request a particular agency they would be interested in reviewing and DCMA will try to accommodate their wishes. Please note that volunteers for the NSA and SOCOM reviews must possess a Top Secret security clearance.

Over the years many of your agencies have provided commendable assistance in support of the PMR program and I thank you for this support. However, if your Agency must pull a candidate after their acceptance to a team, the Agency must provide a substitute, approved by the respective Head of the Contracting Activity.

Please submit the names of your nominees, as well as resumes addressing their contracting experience (including security clearance levels) and review preferences, by September 30, 2012 to the PMR Program Manager, Kevin Conneen, kevin.conneen@dcma.mil. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Conneen.



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