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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
(ACQUISITION AND PROCUREMENT)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(CONTRACTING)
DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE (DARPA)

SUBJECT: Interagency Acquisition Policy Review

Recent changes to the FAR, including those at FAR 17.5 and OMB initiatives related to Interagency Acquisition make this the perfect opportunity for the Department to reassess its policies, goals and objectives for Economy Act and non-Economy Act Interagency Acquisitions. As part of this assessment I am establishing a formal working group and am asking for your organization's expert participation.

Specifically, I have tasked my Contract Policy and International Contracting (CPIC) organization to lead a small team comprised of a representative from each of the Military Departments and an additional member representing the Other Defense Agencies. Their task will be to review the FAR, DFARS, and PGI, as well as DoD acquisition policy related to Economy Act and non-Economy Act interagency acquisitions to ensure the Department has a sound, consistent and easy to understand Interagency Acquisition policy. The policy must be consistent with all statutory and regulatory requirements, and ensure that good business decisions are made and sufficiently documented. The group will commence its efforts in early calendar year 2013. I expect the group will meet regularly for a nine month period. I've asked Mr. Michael Canales from the CPIC staff to lead the group and to provide me a quarterly report on the progress of the group with a final report with specific recommendations due by September 30, 2013.

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