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SUBJECT: Format Changes for the Defense Acquisition Executive Summary (DAES) Reviews

We have completed five restructured DAES reviews. Based on feedback and lessons learned from these reviews, four changes are being planned for implementation for the April DAES Review.

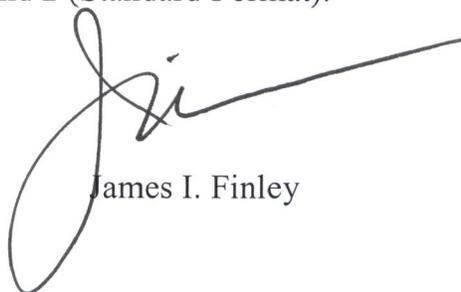
The changes are summarized as follows:

1. The Program Status Chart will be modified to include Contract and Acquisition Program Baseline information in accordance with the attached format. This will enable a side-by-side comparison and early warning for potential Nunn-McCurdy breaches.
2. Two charts will be added that have their genesis from the Joint Staff.
 - The first chart is a quad chart to identify Top Cost Drivers, KPP/KSA Performance, Technology Readiness Assessment, and APB Cost/Schedule Performance.
 - The second chart is a program-of-programs assessment chart that illustrates Relationships, Dependencies and Synchronization for the program under review.
3. One chart (part of back up and read ahead package) will be added to address Earned Value Management System (EVMS) information. Hyperlinks with the DAMIR system for Component acquisition management systems (i.e. SMART, Dashboard, and AIM) information have been established and will deliver timely EVMS (≤ 30 day) performance information. This chart will reflect contract performance trend information for cost, schedule and technical performance. Trip wire information will be integrated into EVMS as well.
4. Life Cycle Sustainment (LCS) information will be added to the Program Status Chart and provided in accordance with the attached format. LCS metrics will integrate material availability, material reliability, ownership cost and mean downtime.



Timelines for the meetings will continually be addressed for improvements to achieve schedule. The chart changes outlined above are expected to improve communication, better focus our decision making and enable time management.

I look forward to continuing to work with you, and I welcome your ideas for continued process improvement yielding program performance improvement. Please direct any questions or comments to my A&T point of contact for DAES, Diane M. Wright, Portfolio Systems Acquisition at 703-697-1522. The above changes are further described in Attachments 1 (Standard Definitions) and 2 (Standard Format).



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- Attachments: 1. Standard Definitions
2. Monthly 5-chart Standard Format

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