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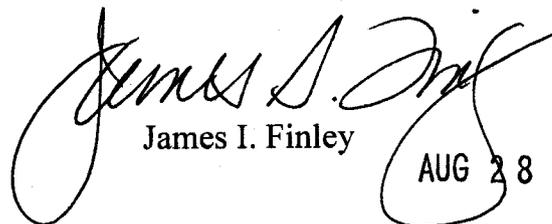
MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Format Change for the Defense Acquisition Executive Summary  
(DAES) Assessments

On March 2, 2007, I signed a memorandum adding Life Cycle Sustainment (LCS) to the monthly Program Status chart for DAES submissions. Subsequently, on March 10, 2007, the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness (DUSD(L&MR)) issued a memorandum that formally established the four LCS Metrics: Material Availability, Material Reliability, Ownership Cost, and Mean Down Time. To implement the L&MR memo reporting requirement, the services will begin reporting LCS as a fifth rating area in their quarterly assessments, in addition to cost, schedule, performance, and funding.

LCS was previously assessed under the Logistics heading in the DAES Reports. This Logistics assessment heading will be reactivated by the Defense Acquisition Management Information Retrieval (DAMIR) team and used by Program Managers for LCS assessments in the Consolidated Acquisition Reporting System (CARS) (until retirement projected for early 2008). DAMIR will map the CARS inputs to LCS when the data is loaded. The OSD staff will use DAMIR to directly enter their LCS assessments. As with the monthly Program Status rating, the quarterly DAES reports will assess the overall LCS status of the program in accordance with the four LCS metrics. Reporting of the LCS assessment will begin with the September 2007 Quarterly DAES Group C reports.

I look forward to continuing to work with you, and I welcome your ideas for process improvement. Please direct any questions or comments to my A&T point of contact for DAES, Mr. Dyke Weatherington, Portfolio Systems Acquisition, at 703-697-1522.

  
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