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SUBJECT: Contracting Support of Deployed DoD Personnel and Units

The purpose of this memorandum is to reinforce the important roles and responsibilities consistent with DoD Directive (DoDD) 5100.01, “Functions of the Department of Defense and its Major Components” December 21, 2010; DoDD 5100.3, “Support of the Headquarters of Combatant and Subordinate Unified Commands” February 9, 2011; and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint Publication 4-10, “Operational Contract Support,” regarding support to be provided to military forces in all phases of military operations or exercises when deployed outside the United States.

DoD military and civilian personnel deploy to locations where they require procurement support to conduct military operations, including but not limited to, military exercises and contingency operations. It is not uncommon for units or personnel to deploy with no organic or component procurement capability, necessitating reliance on local DoD contracting activities to provide procurement support. In such cases, deployed DoD military forces, civilian personnel, and organizations may request full procurement support for operations or exercises. Interdepartmental and interservice procurement support can be achieved through assisted acquisitions pursuant to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 17.502-1(b).

Assisted acquisitions pursuant to FAR 17.502-1(b) require both the servicing and requesting agencies to sign a written agreement that contains the general terms of support. Applying the streamlined procedures prescribed in Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Procedures, Guidance and Information (PGI) 217.502, DoD deployed units and local contracting activities can process these assisted acquisitions by executing a modified DD Form 1144, Support Agreement, that contains the required regulatory determination for such support, and an accompanying DD Form 448, Military Interdepartmental
Purchase Request (MIPR), to provide funding. A template for the streamlined DD-1144 is provided in the PGI at 217.502-1.

Procurement support is a vital component of the administrative and logistical support necessary to ensure timely and effective military action. Contracting activities of the Military Departments and major DoD Components are reminded of the importance of providing administrative and logistical support (to include procurement support) to deployed DoD personnel during any phase of a military operation or exercise. Likewise, DoD operational units are reminded of the importance of planning for support and providing as much lead time as possible prior to deploying when coordination with another local DoD contracting activity for procurement support is necessary.

Questions should be directed to the Principal Deputy, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP), at 571-256-2945 (DSN 499), or via email at osd.pentagon.ousd-atl.mbx.contingency-contracting@mail.mil.

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