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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
COMMANDERS, COMBATANT COMMANDS
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
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SUBJECT: Coordination of Contracting Activities in the USCENTCOM AOR

In support of the overall war effort, there needs to be synchronization of contracting resources within the USCENTCOM AOR. Accordingly, the following measures are restated/directed:

1. The Commander, USCENTCOM, has coordinating authority over all supporting DoD contracting organizations; including those that are not assigned or attached to the command, but provide support to the command through external support contracts.
2. The Department of the Army is the Executive Agent for Contracting for OIF/OEF. The Assistant Secretary of the Army delegated authority as the Head of Contracting Activity to the Commander, Joint Contracting Command Iraq/Afghanistan (JCC-I/A), within Combined/Joint Operations Areas (CJOAs) Iraq and Afghanistan. This authority applies to all contracting activities assigned or attached to USCENTCOM, with the exception of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
3. Unless otherwise provided in a memorandum of agreement between a contracting activity and JCC-I/A or USCENTCOM, JCC-I/A shall perform contract administration, with authority to re-delegate as necessary, for external support contracts performed within CJOAs Iraq and Afghanistan. The procuring contracting officers for external theater support contracts will coordinate with JCC-I/A to ensure appropriate assignment of administrative contracting officer responsibility.
4. All DoD components performing contracting activities in the applicable CJOAs are to comply with USCENTCOM policies, procedures and FRAGOs. Contracting activities are expected to support the command's efforts. USCENTCOM will hold contracting activities accountable through their respective Service Components.

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