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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
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SUBJECT: Procurement Support of Theater Security Cooperation Efforts

This memorandum forwards links for a new PODCAST, pamphlet and brochure that provide useful summaries of key guidance contained at DFARS PGI 225.78, "Acquisitions in Support of Geographic Combatant Command's Theater Security Cooperation Efforts" and briefly reiterates the policy Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy issued May 6, 2011.

These materials support acquisition related training and are consistent with Annex C - Training and Workforce Development, Security Cooperation Reform Report 1; signed by the Secretary of Defense on July 25, 2011, http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/ic/docs/Signed_SCRTF_Report_Phase_1_-July%202011.pdf and have been posted to our restricted .milgov site as follows:

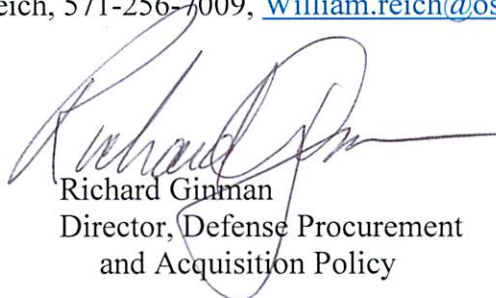
- Podcast - http://milgov.acq.osd.mil/dpap/TSC_Podcast_Jan2012.wmv
- Podcast transcript for Section 508 compliance - http://milgov.acq.osd.mil/dpap/TSC_Podcast_Transcript_Jan2012.docx .
- Brochure - http://milgov.acq.osd.mil/dpap/TSC_Brochure_Jan2012.docx
- Pamphlet - http://milgov.acq.osd.mil/dpap/TSC_Pamphlet_Jan2012.docx.

As noted in last years' policy memo, we continue to receive requests for assistance with procurement support of efforts occurring worldwide (mostly military exercises and training events). This reflects a lack of understanding of the policies, especially related to the respective roles and responsibilities of Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of State (DoS) personnel. Military activities, not DoS Contracting Officers, are responsible for planning and executing contracting support for theater security cooperation efforts. DoS procurement support is limited and generally restricted to those routine non-complex services and supplies used by U.S. Government Personnel permanently assigned at post and acquired for USG employee direct use under the local International Cooperative Administrative Support Services agreement. All personnel who plan for and execute such support are responsible to be familiar with the associated policies and procedures which can be found on our contingency contracting webpage

under the topic “Guidance for Procurement Support of Theater Security Cooperation Efforts”, which can be found at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pacc/cc/index.html>.

I request this letter be distributed to activities and personnel likely to plan for and execute theater security cooperation efforts, along with supporting contracting activities.

My POC for this effort is Mr. Bill Reich, 571-256-7009, William.reich@osd.mil.



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