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SUBJECT: Government Accountability Office Audit Finding: Greater Use of Defense Contract Management Agency to Review Indemnification Requests

This memorandum provides guidance in response to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report entitled, "Defense Contracting – Department of Defense (DoD) Should Encourage Greater Use of Existing Expertise to Review Indemnification Requests," (GAO-24-106403).

The Department considers contractors' indemnification requests based on each component's unique mission profile and evolving risk. Generally, contracting officers should leverage all available resources to identify risks associated with indemnifying contractors. Specifically, contracting officers should consider using existing expertise within the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Contractor Insurance Pension Review (CIPR) group when evaluating contractor indemnification requests. DCMA specialists are available to review contractors' insurance coverage and provide an insurance memorandum to support indemnification request packages.

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