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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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                DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
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SUBJECT: Release of Procurement Data Standard Version 2.6

The Procurement Data Standard (PDS) provides the required data structure for distributing contract actions in accordance with Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation (DFARS) 204.201.

This memorandum is to notify you that PDS Version 2.6 has been published and is now available at the Program Development and Implementation (PDI) webpage: http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/eb/procurement_data_standard.html.

PDS Version 2.6 adds data elements and values needed to support notifications to the Government-wide Point of Entry when issuing solicitations. This version also reengineers the business classification section to simplify use and ease updates for regulatory changes. Several other data elements have also been revised by removing the list of allowable values from the standard itself and publishing them separately, thus enabling updates without the need for a version change.

For a complete listing of all enhancements, the PDS Version 2.6 Change Log is available at the link provided above. Implementation of this version will be coordinated through the monthly In Process Reviews.

Questions and comments may be directed to my action officer, Mr. Bruce Propert, david.b.propert2.civ@mail.mil or 703-697-4384.

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