MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (ATTN: ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE) COMMANDER, UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND (ATTN: ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE) DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (PROCUREMENT) DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (ACQUISITION AND PROCUREMENT) DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (CONTRACTING) DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES DIRECTORS OF THE DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: DoD Instruction 5000.72, "DoD Standard for Contracting Officer’s Representative Certification"

I am pleased to announce the release of DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5000.72, which establishes uniform guidance for identification, development, certification, and management of Contracting Officer Representatives (CORs) within the Department of Defense. The DoDI 5000.72 is posted at http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/500072p.pdf. Among other things, the DoDI addresses the Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450) filing requirements for certain CORs and provides procedural guidance for new and annual filings. The expectation is that all CORs will not necessarily have to file an OGE Form 450. Based on the criteria provided under Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations, contracting officers will use judgment to decide if a COR needs to file an OGE Form 450. The DoDI also provides that, once the contracting officer determines that the COR meets the requirements to file an OGE Form 450, the COR should file immediately as a "new entrant" and annually thereafter as long as the COR appointment is in effect.

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