

DoD/GSA Partnership Update

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***A**s many of you know, in December 2006 the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to better define the operational relationship between the two agencies. The MOA included a list of 24 action items the two agencies would work to implement in a timely fashion. DoD and GSA meet every two weeks to update and coordinate implementation status of these items.*

This communiqué represents the inaugural edition of our monthly newsletter to keep you apprised of these developments.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

Since December, the following has occurred:

• POLICY GUIDANCE

- GSA conducted review of the existing policy guidance related to the final DoD IG findings. Revision of GSAM, Acquisition Letters, and Acquisition Alerts in progress.

• TRAINING

- GSA employees have been notified of a video message from CAO. Further video announcements and training to follow via GSA's Center for Acquisition Excellence.
- Existing training being revised and new classroom training contract awarded. The new and revised courses will cover fiscal law, proper acquisition planning, performance-based acquisition, and contract administration for assisted acquisition.

• COMPLIANCE REVIEW

- GSA Procurement Management Review (PMR) team is continually conducting contract file review for all GSA regions.
- PMR Items of Interest based on the weaknesses identified in DoD IG reports have been developed by GSA and provided to DoD for comments. PMR review will then incorporate the new items.

• INTERAGENCY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY

- GSA and DoD have been actively participating and supporting the OFPP effort to issue Government-wide guidance on roles and responsibilities in interagency contracting.
- GSA has developed and provided the OFPP and DoD draft standard Interagency Agreement which addresses the weaknesses identified in the DoD IG reports.
- GSA Acquisition Planning Wizard is being expanded to enhance acquisition planning in interagency contracting. Demo is being scheduled to accommodate DoD users.

• DATA REPORTING

- GSA collaborating with DoD Comptroller to finalize report format and to reinforce proper management of DoD funds.