

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING

PURPOSE: Discuss the current initiatives underway in Contingency Contracting.

DISCUSSION:

We have two goals for addressing Contingency Contracting

1. Rapidly providing streamlined regulations and policy as well as standardized training
2. Incorporating business processes, lessons learned, best practices, and outside recommendations into emerging doctrine and policy

Over the past 5 years, contingency contracting support has evolved from purchases not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold to defense procurement and interagency support of commodities, services and construction for military operations and other emergency relief, such as Hurricane Katrina. Today, this support includes unprecedented reliance on Contractors in traditional and new roles, including private security and contracting support. In response, DoD issued DoD Instruction 3020.41 to provide authoritative, comprehensive policy and procedures regarding contractor personnel authorized to accompany the U.S. Armed Forces.

DoD is working on many fronts to improve its contingency contracting in conjunction with Senior Procurement Executives (See the attached briefing for complete details.):

- Developing Joint Doctrine for responsibility and authority, training, missions, and the creation and manning of Contingency Contracting Commands;
- Streamlining and consolidating contingency contracting regulations in FAR/DFARS;
- Improving DoD business processes as they relate to contingency contracting;
- Advocating legislation that supports accomplishment of the contingency contracting;
- Developing a single training plan for the Military Departments/Defense Agencies:
 - Joint training of contingency contracting professionals (military/civilian)
 - Responsive development and availability of training solutions for contingency contracting professionals as needs are identified;
- Addressing Congressional concerns (sec. 817 of Public Law 109-163) through Joint Contingency Contracting Policy (JCCP);
- Creating a Contingency Contracting Corps;
- Coordinating efforts with other Government agencies to provide unity of effort;
- Conducting the Joint Logistics Capability test case to determine rapid processes to implement new initiatives; and
- Maintaining an open, user friendly reports database with links for lessons learned and user feedback.