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Lieutenant General Lawrence P. Farrell, Jr., USAF (Ret.)
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Dear General Farrell:

Since 1999, the Department of Defense (DoD) has recognized the 32 guidelines in the American National Standards Institute/Electronic Industries Alliance Standard 748, *Earned Value Management Systems* (ANSI/EIA-748) for use on defense acquisition programs. These guidelines have become – and continue to be – the universally accepted criteria against which industry and the government determine and document the reliability and effectiveness of their Earned Value Management Systems (EVMS).

In accordance with the requirement to periodically reaffirm ANSI/EIA-748, the NDIA Program Management Systems Committee (PMSC) has recently completed a revision to the Standard. This initiative was accomplished with full and active participation by the government, resulting in an updated and improved version of the Standard. The revision process was a well-coordinated, truly collaborative effort, and I am pleased with the results. The improvements to ANSI/EIA-748 are another step forward in our efforts to better manage the cost, schedule, and technical performance of government programs.

Therefore, DoD will continue to recognize the EVMS guidelines in the revised version of ANSI/EIA-748 and will continue to direct their use in the Department's earned value management policy. Also, the Defense Contract Management Agency will continue to use the guidelines in ANSI/EIA-748 as the basis for determining and validating initial and ongoing compliance of contractor management systems.

Please extend my congratulations to the NDIA PMSC for its diligence in partnering with the government to revise this Standard. The collective government/industry community benefits from initiatives of mutual interest such as this.

Sincerely,

for Kenneth J. Krieg

cc:
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