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MEMORANDUM FOR TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, AUDIT FOLLOWUP &
GAO AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR
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THROUGH: DIRECTOR, ACQUISITION RESOURCES AND ANALYSIS

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SUBJECT: Followup on GAO Report No. GAO-03-695, "Military
OPERATIONS: Contractors Provide Vital Services to Deployed
Forces but Are not Adequately Addressed in DoD Plans," June 24,
2003, (OSD Case No. 350239)

This is in response to your March 13, 2006, memorandum requesting the status of
actions taken on subject report. The following is provided as an update:

Information Requested on Recommendation 1:

November 10, 2005, comments from your office stated that OUSD(P&R) would
complete the procedures for conducting the review by January 2006. Have the
procedures been issued? If so, discuss the action taken to conduct a review of contractor
services supporting deployed forces and if the review is ongoing or completed. If the
action has been completed, provide support documentation and identify whether the
recommendation has been completed. If not, please explain and provide an estimated
completion date.

DoD Response:

OUSD(P&R/Civilian Personnel Policy(CPP)) has not yet completed development of the
necessary procedures. We expect the procedures to be completed by November 30, 2006.

Information Requested on Recommendation 2:

November 10, 2005, comments from your office stated that the estimated completion date
for OUSD(P&R) to complete procedures was January 2006. Discuss the action taken to
complete the procedures to monitor the implementation of DoD Instruction 3020.37. If
completed, please provide a copy of the procedures and identify whether the
recommendation has been completed. If not, please explain and provide an estimated
completion date.



DoD Response:

OUSD(P&R/PPP) has not yet completed development of the necessary procedures. We expect the procedures to be completed by November 30, 2006.

Information Requested on Recommendation 3:

November 10, 2005, comments from your office to the draft report stated that DoD Instruction 3040.41 was issued on October 3, 2005, and that the new instruction provides guidance in all areas identified in the recommendation. Discuss whether additional action will be taken to direct the Services Secretaries to develop procedures to assure implementation of the instruction. If so, provide copies of directives to the Services and identify whether the recommendation has been completed. If not, please explain and provide an estimated completion date.

DoD Response:

The DoD Instruction 3020.41, Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany the U.S. Armed Forces, dated October 3, 2005, requires (under "5. RESPONSIBILITIES") that the "Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Directors of the Defense Agencies shall incorporate this Instruction into applicable Component policy, doctrine, programming, training, and contracts..." and provides additional detailed implementation guidance. Action on this recommendation is complete.

Information requested on Recommendation 4:

November 10, 2005, comments from your office stated that your office is working on amendments to the DFARS and a FAR interim rule (FAR Case 2005-011) and that the estimated completion dates were December 2005 and January 2006 respectively. Have the amendments and FAR interim rule been finalized? If so, please provide support documentation and identify whether the recommendation has been completed. If not, please explain and provide an estimated completion date.

DoD Response:

The draft interim DFARS rule was forwarded to the OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) on October 27, 2005. OIRA declared the DFARS rule significant on January 18, 2006, which requires a 90 day review. We expect clearance in April with publication in May 2006.

The FAR Case 2005-011, Contractor Personnel in a Theater of Operations or at a Diplomatic or Consular Mission, is a draft proposed FAR rule to cover contractor personnel performing outside the United States in a theater of operations or at a diplomatic or consular mission, but not those contractor personnel that are authorized to accompany the U.S. Armed Forces, which are covered by the DFARS case. Like the DFARS case, the FAR case is undergoing a 90 day review process and if cleared in April, we expect to publish the rule in May 2005.

Information requested on Recommendation 5:

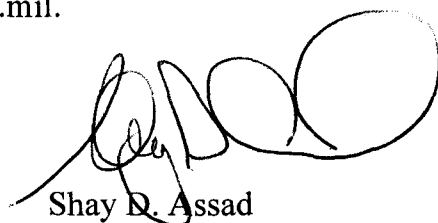
November 10, 2005 comments from your office stated that the Defense Acquisition University is in the process of developing a Contractors Accompanying the Force Continuous Learning Module, and that the Defense Systems Management College is preparing a ACQ 403 Defense Acquisition Executive Overview Workshop that will concentrate on Contingency Operations and Contractors Accompanying the Force and will be presented to a group, or groups, of Army General Officers and Senior Executives. Discuss the status of the development of the training module and the workshop. If they have been completed, please discuss and provide support documentation and identify whether the recommendation has been completed. If not, please provide the estimated completion date.

DoD Response:

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) has developed content for the "Contractor Accompanying the Force" Continuous Learning Module (CLM). The content was reviewed with OUSD(AT&L)/LP&P and accepted on March 13, 2006. This CLM will be online by June 30, 2006. DAU additionally developed a Community of Practice, Special Interest Area site specifically for sharing information regarding contractors deploying with the Force. This site has had several thousand hits since implemented in the Fall of 2005. The website can be found at:
https://acc.dau.mil/simplify/ev.php?ID=56090_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC.

The Defense Systems Management College (DSMC) is developing training that will be given in a Defense Acquisition Executive Overview Workshop to Army general officers and senior executives. At the request of the Military Deputy for Budget, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller), DSMC is conducting interviews with Army and contractor officials to collect lessons learned. The workshop will be conducted by July 31, 2006. The Army will be provided the training materials for their future use, and Logistics Civil Augmentation Program lessons learned will be available for presentation in future workshops conducted by DSMC.

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