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MEMORANDUM FOR TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, AUDIT FOLLOWUP & GAO AFFAIRS, DODIG

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SUBJECT: Follow-up on GAO Report GAO-04-605 "REBUILDING IRAQ: Fiscal

Year 2003 Contract Award Procedures and Management Challenges,"

dated June 1, 2004 (GAO Code 120248)

In response to your memorandum of April 6, 2006 requesting current status on actions in process regarding recommendations 3, 4, and 5 of the subject report, the following is provided:

Information Requested for Recommendation 3:

Discuss whether the Army Corps of Engineers revised the justification & approvals for the contracts and related task orders used by the Army Corps of Engineers to restore Iraq's electricity, and if so, discuss whether the Assistant Secretary of the Army signed the justification & approvals. If actions are not complete, please explain and provide estimated completion dates. If the actions have been completed, provide supporting documentation.

Current Update:

The justification & approvals are currently being processed for Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, approval. The estimated completion date is 1 July 2006. Point of contact for this response is Carl Stubbert, Director of Contracting, Transatlantic Program Center, Army Corps of Engineers, at (540) 665-4024 or via e-mail at carl.l.stubbert@tac01.usace.army.mil.

DPAP considers this recommendation closed, or that it will be in the near term. If there is a need for any further follow up regarding this recommendation, please coordinate directly with the Army.

Information Requested for Recommendation 4:

The GAO recommended that the Secretary of the Army direct the Commanding General, Army Field Support Command, and the Commanding General and Chief of Engineers,



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), to definitize outstanding contracts and task orders as soon as possible.

The September 30, 2005, response from your office stated that task orders 0003, 0008, 0009 and 0010 on the USACE contract to restore Iraq's oil infrastructure are still in the process of being definitized. Additionally, of the 14 task orders on the USACE contract to restore Iraq's electrical infrastructure, one task order for a total of \$104,001,345 continues to have \$35,345,545 undefinitized.

Discuss whether task orders 0003, 0008, 0009 and 0010 on the USACE contract to restore Iraq's oil have been definitized, and discuss whether the \$35,345,545 of the task order for \$104,001,345 on the USACE contract to restore Iraq's electricity has been definitized. If actions are not complete, please explain and provide estimated completion dates. If the actions have been completed, provide supporting documentation.

Current Update: Task Orders 0003, 0008, 0009 and 0010 on the KBR Restore Iraqi Oil contract have been definitized. Point of contact for this part of the response is Morris Tanner, Assistant Chief Counsel/Division Counsel Southwest Division, USACE, at (469) 487-7008 or via e-mail at Morris.a.tanner@swd02.usace.army.mil.

The \$35,345,545 undefinitized portion of the Restore Iraqi Electricity task order of \$104,001,345 has been definitized. The point of contact for this response is Carl Stubbert, Director of Contracting, Transatlantic Program Center, Army Corps of Engineers at (540) 665-4024 or via e-mail at carl.l.stubbert@tac01.usace.army.mil.

DPAP considers this recommendation closed. If there is a need for any further follow up regarding this recommendation, please coordinate directly with the Army.

Information Requested for Recommendation 5: Please discuss the status of DoD's review of joint contingency contracting doctrine and the development of the strategy and overarching joint doctrine on contracting support on the battlefield. If actions are not complete, please explain and provide estimated completion dates. If the actions have been completed, provide supporting documentation.

Current Update: The study is not complete, but actions are ongoing. The study team, comprised of representatives from the MILDEPS, DLA, DCMA, the Joint Staff, DAU, and DPAP, is also working on developing joint contingency contracting policy and doctrine. In addition, they are conducting a study of DoD contract administration services capability for theater support contracts. The estimated completion date of the on-going actions is fall 2006. The point of contact for this response is LtCol Jill Stiglich, in Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, at (703) 695-8567 or via e-mail at jill.stiglich@osd.mil.

Any questions or concerns may be referred to my point of contact, Craig Curtis, at (703) 614-6719 or via email at craig.curtis@osd.mil.

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