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MEMORANDUM FOR AUDIT FOLLOWUP FOCAL POINT, OUSD (AT&L)

Subject: Followup on GAO Report GAO-04-854, "Military Operations: DoD's Extensive Use of Logistics Support Contracts Requires Strengthened Oversight," July 19, 2004

In accordance with DoD Directive 7650.3, we are reviewing this case to ensure that adequate management action is taken on the report's agreed-upon findings and recommendations. Followup status will be reflected in our Defense Audit Management Information System (DAMIS) and, as appropriate, in reports to the Secretary of Defense, the Government Accountability Office, and the Congress.

Thank you for your January 2005 update for actions taken in response to the four recommendations included in the subject report. At this time, a status update is needed. Specifically, please address the following:

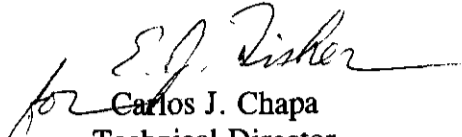
- **Recommendation 1 (0001-0001 in DAMIS).** What is the status of the revision to DoD policy (DoD Directive and DoD Instruction) to include guidance related to the identification of operational requirements that are to be provided by contractors early in the planning process? Please provide the estimated completion date (ECD).

- **Recommendation 2 (0002-0001 in DAMIS).** A policy memorandum relating to periodic site visits to evaluate logistics support provided by contractors was to be issued by March 31, 2005. Please provide a copy of that memorandum.

- **Recommendations 3 and 4 (0003-0001 and 0003-0002, respectively).** Has the "lessons learned" database been established as part of the Logistics Community of Practice? Also, has a continuous learning-type training module for Logistics Support personnel been developed? The ECD for both actions was June 30, 2004.

For the recommendations that have been fully implemented, please provide supporting documentation to substantiate closure of the recommendation(s). If action is ongoing, describe the progress made toward full implementation of each open recommendation and provide the estimated completion date.

This information should be forwarded to us by **September 20, 2005**. Mail should be addressed to the DoD OIG, Attn: AFTS, 400 Army Navy Drive, and may be forwarded through the OSD Mail Room, 3A948, the Pentagon. The action officer for this case is Linda C.Y. Lee, (703) 604-9647, <llee@dodig.osd.mil>. If she is not available, contact Ed Fisher, (703) 604-9645, efisher@dodig.osd.mil.


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