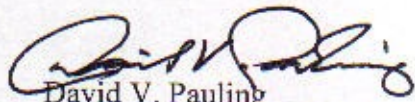


In this regard, as plans for UID Initial Operating Capability and Full Operating Capability continue to mature, I am asking each of the Services to place particular emphasis in two critical leadership areas: UID budgeting and resourcing, and Program Manager/Depot partnering for success. I believe if we get these two requirements right, many of the other challenges will fall into place. Please provide me with the Army UID budgeting & resourcing plan, and your plan for teaming the Army weapon system acquisition community with the Army weapon system sustainment community to implement UID for legacy items, and to capitalize on marked parts to improve the way weapon systems are supported (i.e., serialized item management). I request that these two plans be provided not later than 15 November, 2005. Your UID resourcing plan and PM/Depot partnering strategy will be integrated with those of the other Services to form the basis of the *FOC UID CONOPS for DoD Maintenance* required prior to December, 2005 by reference (b). Your plans will also help me properly assess the PR07 UID budget submits required by reference (c).

As a cross-Service conduit of shared knowledge pertaining to UID implementation, my office will continue to post plans, reports and other information that highlights each Service's way forward during UID transition on our MR&MP website (http://www.acq.osd.mil/log/mppr/uid_maintenance). I encourage regular visitation to this site and Army's continued participation on the UID for Maintenance IPT in order to leverage each others' ideas and lessons learned, as we integrate UID into our maintenance processes.

My point of contact (POC) for all matters associated with UID in the DoD maintenance enterprise is Mr. Greg Kilchenstein, (703) 614-0862 (greg.kilchenstein@osd.mil).

Sincerely,



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