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SUBJECT: Department of Defense Priority Placement Program

The Priority Placement Program (PPP), long recognized as the premier outplacement program in the Federal government, has served the Department well for more than four decades. It is a proven and extremely effective tool for reducing the adverse effects of downsizing our civilian workforce and retaining needed skills, while enabling the Department to meet its restructuring objectives.

As the Department continues transforming our military to meet the challenges of the 21st century, the civilian workforce will experience the evolutionary effect of base realignment and closure, global rebasing, and force modernization. Based on past performance, DoD can expect PPP to play a vital role in minimizing the disruption that inevitably accompanies such significant change.

The success of PPP depends largely on the cooperation of supervisors, managers and affirmative command-level support. Toward this end, the Department asks you to join us in stressing the importance of PPP to all levels of your organization.

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