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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: Strengthened Sustainment Governance for Acquisition Program Reviews

As part of the Department's continuing effort to improve program life cycle management, I plan to strengthen sustainment governance by conducting detailed reviews of key elements of sustainment planning for all ACAT ID weapons system programs at decision and other review points in the acquisition process. Increasing visibility of sustainment factors is vital to ensuring we deliver a program that meets Warfighter materiel readiness objectives with long-term affordability consideration.

To facilitate a comprehensive review and provide the required information in a standardized format, program managers are to use the attached sustainment quad chart to report the status of sustainment planning at OIPT and Defense Acquisition Board reviews. Reporting begins at program initiation and continues through each subsequent milestone, the production decision, and at other reviews when directed.

I recommend you use the sustainment information provided in the chart for programs under your cognizance. Using it will enhance the acquisition governance process – one of the primary recommendations of the Weapon System Acquisition Reform Product Support Assessment report – which I endorsed November 12, 2009.

A chart template and instructions will be included in the Defense Acquisition Guidebook. Until then, please address questions regarding creation or formatting of the chart to Anthony Stampone, OASD(L&MR), at anthony.stampone@osd.mil or 703-614-3838.

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