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SUBJECT: CONTRACTING FOR PERSONAL SERVICES ABROAD (DSCA 02-01)

1. SECTION 636(A)(3) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT (22 U.S.C. 2396(A)(3)) AUTHORIZES THE USE OF SPECIFIED APPROPRIATIONS TO CONTRACT FOR PERSONAL SERVICES ABROAD. IN SELECTED SITUATIONS, CERTAIN SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNDS MAY BE USED TO CONTRACT FOR SUCH SERVICES TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY DIRECTLY SUPPORT SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 515 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT (22 U.S.C. 2321I).
2. DSCA FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR STATE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS FOR DSCA-APPROVED PERSONAL SERVICES SUPPORT. THEREFORE, SECURITY ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS MAY SUBMIT REQUESTS THROUGH THE COMBATANT COMMANDS TO DSCA COMPT/RM TO USE SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO CONTRACT FOR PERSONAL SERVICES. DSCA IS THE APPROVAL AUTHORITY; WE MAY EVALUATE AT A LATER DATE WHETHER APPROVAL AUTHORITY WILL BE DELEGATED TO THE COMBATANT COMMANDS.
3. THIS AUTHORITY IS EXCLUSIVE TO THE USE OF SPECIFIC SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNDS; IT DOES NOT EXTEND TO THE USE OF ANY DOD FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.
4. ONLY STATE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTING OFFICERS MAY AWARD CONTRACTS FOR SUCH PERSONAL SERVICES INCLUDING THOSE FUNDED WITH DSCA-AUTHORIZED SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNDS. SAOS SHOULD PROVIDE THIS MESSAGE AND COPY OF SUBSEQUENT DSCA APPROVALS TO STATE CONTRACTING OFFICERS.
5. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE CURRENT SAO BUDGET IS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS POLICY CHANGE.
6. DSCA POC: MR. KENNETH A. EISENHARDT, COMPT/RM, 703-604-6551, DSN 664-6551, FAX 703-604-6536, E-MAIL EISENHARDT@OSD.PENTAGON.MIL.