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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 3900.25C

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MAJOR RANGE AND TEST FACILITY BASE

Ref: (a) DoD Financial Management Regulation 7000.14-R

Encl: (1) DOD Directive 3200.11 of 1 May 2002

1. Purpose. To implement enclosure (1) which updates prescribed policies and responsibilities for the management and operation of specific Department of Defense (DOD) Test and Evaluation (T&E) facilities designated collectively as the Major Range and Test Facility Base (MRTFB). Reference (a) Volume 11A chapters 12 and 13 prescribes funding policy for DoD and Non DoD users.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 3900.25B.

3. Applicability. The provisions of this instruction apply to all users of the Major Range and Test Facility Base (MRTFB) and to all echelons responsible for management and administration of those MRTFB capabilities listed in enclosure [1] and paragraph [c] of this instruction for which the Department of the Navy has been designated as managing agency.

4. Discussion

a. The MRTFB is a national asset that exists primarily to provide test and evaluation information for DoD decision makers and to support the needs of weapon system development programs and DoD research needs. The MRTFB composition is based on a combination of multiple user requirements, future technology drivers, and unique functional capability. The Capabilities listed in paragraph [c] of this instruction shall be funded in a uniform manner. The categories of goods and services charged to the MRTFB customers shall be consistently applied among all the MRTFBs and all costs incurred by MRTFB capabilities shall be billed in accordance with reference (a). The MRTFB capability can be a subset of an activity's overall T&E or mission capability.

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b. Timely notification by users of their requirements to the facility commander is necessary if proper range support is to be provided. Experience has demonstrated that when a test facility and T&E Integrated Program Team (IPT) lead participate early in the formulation of test requirements, mutual benefits accrue to the program sponsor, program manager and the test facility manager. It allows the facility to formulate a support plan at the earliest phase of the program which serves as the basis for program planning, establishing the feasibility of meeting program testing requirements, and in identifying and obtaining any required new test or measurement capability. In addition, early coordination in the planning process maximizes personnel experience, expertise and knowledge of facility equipment capabilities and unique testing requirements that may arise during the early phases of the program resulting in a more reliable and practicable testing program.

c. Ranges and test facilities comprising the Navy MRTFB and subject to the DOD Uniform Funding Policy are:

- (1) Naval Air Warfare Center, Patuxent River, MD
 - (a) Propulsion Systems Evaluation Facility
 - (b) Air Vehicle Modification and Instrumentation
 - (c) Navy Test Wing Atlantic
 - (d) Atlantic Test Range
 - (e) Air Combat Test and Evaluation Facility
 - (f) Electromagnetic Environments Effects Facility
 - (g) Atlantic Targets
- (2) Naval Air Warfare Center, China Lake, CA
 - (a) Land Range
 - (b) Electronic Combat Range
 - (c) Navy Test Wing Pacific
 - (d) Ordnance Test Facility

- (e) Air Vehicle Modification and Instrumentation
- (3) Naval Air Warfare Center, PT Mugu, CA
 - (a) Sea Range
 - (b) Pacific Targets
- (4) Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTEC)
- (5) Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport, WA, Nanoose and Dabob Bay Ranges
- (6) Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai, HI
 - (a) Telemetry
 - (b) Mobile At Sea Sensor (MATSS)
 - (c) Optical Tracking
 - (d) COSIPs & MK-74 Precision Track Radar

5. Action

a. All Department of the Navy offices will comply with the provisions of enclosure (1) and this instruction.

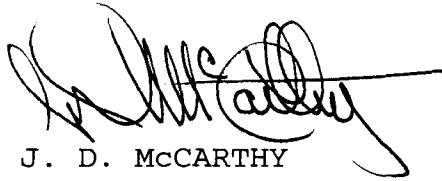
b. Within Chief Naval Operations (CNO) N43, the Navy Range Office has been designated the central focal point for all test capabilities of the MRTFB. In that capacity, all matters pertaining to the MRTFB will be addressed to CNO (N43), who will act as the Navy's interface with the Director, Test Resource Management Center (DTRMC).

c. All Department of the Navy offices responsible for preparing acquisition documentation, including Test and Evaluation Master Plans (TEMPs), Procurement Requests (PR), Request for Proposal (RFP), or contracts stating acceptance specifications for hardware to be tested at a Navy MRTFB facility, must coordinate with the facility commander.

The facility commander must be apprised of all known support requirements in order that a proper test environment can be established. Such coordination must be initiated during the

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preparation of acceptance test specifications of the proposed procurement. The facility commander must agree that the facility is capable of supporting the acceptance tests on a schedule that is mutually acceptable to all concerned prior to any contractual commitment.

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