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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: Suspension and Debarment Referral Procedures

Recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General (DoDIG) audits and reviews have focused on suspension and debarment in the Department. The reports point to the lack of referrals of contract related matters to agency suspension and debarment officials.

A working group of suspension and debarment officials and acquisition personnel recommended changes to the Department of Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement's Procedures, Guidance, and Information (PGI). DFARS PGI 209.406-3 and 209.407-3 were revised on June 15, 2012 to incorporate the recommendations. The Department has eleven suspension and debarring officials (SDOs) listed in DFARS 209.403 by office and position.

The PGI provisions identify the importance of providing specific information when referring contract related matters so that the investigation can begin. Your adherence to these provisions will assist in ensuring that appropriate actions can be taken.

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