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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: Theater Business Clearance/Contract Administration Delegation
(TBC/CAD) Compliance

References:

- (A) Procedures for Contracting, Contract Concurrence, and Contract Oversight for Iraq and Afghanistan, October 19, 2007 (copy attached)
- (B) Amplifying Guidance Regarding Procedures for Contracting, Contract Concurrence and Contract Oversight for Iraq and Afghanistan, October 25, 2007 (copy attached)
- (C) Iraq/Afghanistan Theater Business Clearance (TBC), November 26, 2007 (copy attached)
- (D) Retroactive Iraq/Afghanistan Contract Compliance and Assignment of Contract Administration, December 20, 2007 (copy attached)
- (E) Theater Business Clearance Review Notification Update and Assignment of Contract Administration, February 26, 2008 (copy attached)
- (F) CENTCOM Contracting Webpage
“<http://www2.centcom.mil/sites/contracts/Pages/Default.aspx>”

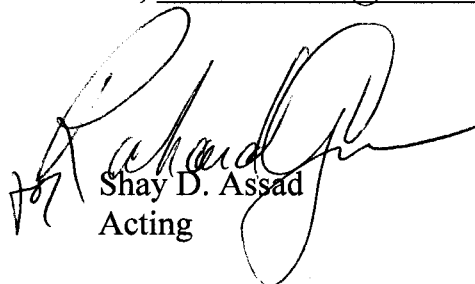
Theater Business Clearance (TBC) is a critical enabler which provides the Joint Force Commander visibility over all contracts and contractors performing work in their area of responsibility. The Joint Contracting Command Iraq/Afghanistan, CENTCOM, and our Joint Staff partners report that organizations are not complying with TBC policy.

The importance of complying with TBC policy cannot be understated. TBC is of operational importance. First, it helps create for the Joint Force Commander a common operating picture of contracted support in a Joint Operations Area. Second, TBC ensures that solicitations and contracts contain provisions to meet Commander's requirements. Third, it assures that contractor personnel life support requirements are addressed and coordinated prior to their arrival in theater. The associated Contract Administration Delegation (CAD) process ensures coordination of contract administration support in Iraq and Afghanistan prior to contract award. Therefore, all contracting activities must revalidate they are aware of, and are complying with TBC requirements for Iraq and Afghanistan.

Contracts subject to the TBC are those: (1) under which contractor personnel are performing in Iraq and/or Afghanistan after April 1, 2008; (2) that require the delivery of material to Iraq and/or Afghanistan after April 1, 2008, under FOB Destination terms using commercial transportation outside the Defense Transportation System; or (3) that authorize contractor personnel, including subcontractors, to carry weapons in Iraq and/or Afghanistan regardless of contract end date.

TBC/CAD has been implemented through a series of OSD, theater and JCC-I/A policy documents (References A through E and as contained in Reference F). Contracting Officers who award contracts for performance or delivery in the CENTCOM AOR need to be familiar with and comply with the associated TBC/CAD requirements. The CENTCOM Contracting webpage (Reference F) contains unique contracting guidance that affects all such contracts, regardless of source. This webpage is updated frequently and should be checked as part of the normal course of the contracting process, as required by DFARS PGI 225.7401. Four JCC-I/A TBC/CAD-related documents were recently updated on August 15, 2009, and posted to the CENTCOM Contracting webpage: Iraq-Afghanistan TBC Guide, TBC Request and Tracker, CO's Guide to Special Requirements, and TBC Frequently Asked Questions.

These requirements as well as the TBC/CAD policy are part of the DFARS PGI at Subpart 225.74, Defense Contractors Outside the United States. I ask that your contracting activities affirm their compliance to you with the TBC requirements by October 31, 2009. Please report back to me on your component's completion of this tasking via my POC, Mr. Bill Reich, 703-699-3727, William.reich@osd.mil.


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