SUBJECT: MMSC Numbered Letter 94-10, Economic Assistance to Communities Affected by Base Closure

TO: Recipients of DoD 4160.21-M, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Manual

This numbered letter is directive in nature and expires 1 year from the date of this letter unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

1. The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance on the Department of Defense policy implementing the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense take all actions determined practicable in assisting communities affected by base closure.

2. At a future date, the policy at Enclosure 1 will be incorporated in the DoD 4160.21-M.

3. Recipients of DoD 4160.21-M will implement this policy and file this numbered letter in front of the publication.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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Department of Defense Policy on Economic Assistance to Communities Affected by Base Closure

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense take all actions that the Secretary determines practicable to make available military equipment to communities suffering significant adverse economic circumstances as a result of the closure of military installations located in the United States. (See Section 2909 of Public Law 103-160.)

Useful excess personal property not qualifying for transfer to communities or Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) under the umbrella of economic development assistance, but requested by the affected community or LRA, must first be reported to and screened by a Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO). The DRMO shall conduct the normal DoD and Federal civilian agency screening. If there are no DoD or Federal civilian agency requirements, the property is surplus to the needs of the Federal Government.

Surplus property may be donated to the LRA by the DRMO, at the request of the closing base commander or authorized DoD official, through the appropriate State Agency for Surplus Property (SASP). Donations conducted to meet the sense of Congress as expressed in Section 2909 of Public Law 103-160 have priority over donations for other purposes.

Personal property donated under Section 2909 must meet the usage and control requirements of the applicable SASP. (See Section 203, 40 U.S.C. 484). Property subsequently not needed by the LRA or community shall be disposed of as required by the SASP.