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▼ Team SPAWAR Overview

▼ OUSD (AT&L) Memos: Better Buying Power

▼ Implementation and Related Initiatives

▼ Additional Focus Areas at SPAWAR
MISSION: Making the Navy’s Information Dominance Vision a Reality
**“Better Buying Power: Guidance for Obtaining Greater Efficiency and Productivity in Defense Spending”**

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<td>▪ At Milestone A set affordability target as a Key Performance Parameter</td>
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<td>▪ At Milestone B establish engineering trades showing how each key design feature affects the target cost</td>
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<td>▪ Eliminate redundancy within warfighter portfolios</td>
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**OUSD (AT&L) Memoranda**


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**Promote Real Competition**

- Present a competitive strategy at each program milestone *
- Remove obstacles to competition
  - Allow reasonable time to bid *
  - Require non-certified cost and pricing data on single offers *
  - Require open system architectures and set rules for acquisition of technical data rights *
- Increase dynamic small business role in defense marketplace competition

**Improve Tradecraft in Services Acquisition**

- Create a senior manager for acquisition of services in each component, following the Air Force’s example *
- Adopt uniform taxonomy for different types of services
- Address causes of poor tradecraft in services acquisition *
  - Assist users of services to define requirements and prevent creep via requirements templates
  - Assist users of services to conduct market research to support competition and pricing
  - Enhance competition by requiring more frequent re-compete of knowledge-based services
  - Require that services contracts exceeding $1B contain cost efficiency objectives
- Increase small business participation in providing services

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✓ Reduce Non-Productivity Processes and Bureaucracy

- Reduce the number of OSD-level reviews to those necessary to support major investment decisions or to uncover and respond to significant program execution issues
- Eliminate low-value-added statutory processes
- Reduce by half the volume and cost of internal and congressional reports
- Reduce non-value-added overhead imposed on industry
- Align DCMA and DCAA processes to ensure work is complementary *
- Increase use of Forward Pricing Rate Recommendations (FPRRs) to reduce administrative costs *

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The DoN is directed to establish Should-Cost targets for ACAT I – III programs and to use Should-Cost Management to track subsequent performance.

Implementation requires the establishment of Will-Cost estimate and continual Should-Cost Management activity for all ACAT I – III programs.

Program managers will identify specific, discrete, and measurable actions or initiatives that achieve savings against the Will-Cost estimate.

The Milestone Decision Authority (MDA) will approve all Should-Cost Management initiatives and targets and will use these to set program execution goals.

Successful execution to the Should-Cost estimate will create assets within the DoN for reallocation to the highest priority needs.
Will-Cost Estimates and Should-Cost Management

- 2 separate estimates: a Will-Cost estimate to inform the program/budget process and a Should-Cost Management target for program management & execution

Will-Cost Estimate (Budget Baseline) and Development

- The budget baseline will be informed by a Will-Cost estimate that aims to provide sufficient resources to execute the program under normal conditions

Should-Cost Management (Program Execution Targets) and Development

- The program execution target will incorporate Should-Cost Management initiatives developed by the program office & used as a management tool within DoD

Should-Cost Management Reporting Processes and Procedures

- Will-Cost estimates and Should-Cost Management targets are required for all ACAT I, II & III milestone decisions

Reporting Methods and Templates

- Program offices responsible for tracking and reporting all Should-Cost targets and updates

Process for withhold and release of the difference between the Will-Cost estimate (budget) and the Should-Cost Management target

- SAE decides distribution of the difference for all ACAT I programs; the MDA for all ACAT II; and program offices for ACAT III
Section 811: Cost Estimates for Program Baselines and Contract Negotiations for Major Defense Acquisition and Major Automated Information System Programs

Amends 10 U.S.C. § 2334 to provide that funds which are made available to a major defense acquisition program or major automated information system program in accordance with its cost estimate for budgetary purposes, but are in excess of its cost estimate for contract negotiation purposes, will remain available for obligation in accordance with the terms of applicable authorization and appropriations Acts.

- Such funds may be used to:
  1. cover any increased program costs identified by a revised cost analysis;
  2. acquire additional end items in accordance buy-to-budget authority; or
  3. cover the cost of risk reduction and process improvements;

- Such funds may be reprogrammed in accordance with established procedures and the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation’s concurrence.
Incentivize Productivity

▼ Supply Chain / Indirect Expense Management

▼ Thoughts:

- Advantage in competition: Lower rates
- Component breakout?
  - Component Manufacturers
  - Mid-size and small business
  - GFE
Incentivize Productivity

▶ Increase FPIF Contracts
  - Implemented once memoranda were promulgated – contract type addressed
  - Propose CPIF, CPFF – why not FPIF? (Development to production)
  - 50/50 share line and 120% ceiling guidance is intended to refocus on appropriate risk sharing with industry
  - Note: Point of Total Assumption

▶ Adjust Progress Payments to Incentivize Performance
  - DPAP created a Cash Flow tool to evaluate financing arrangements
  - Consider performance based payments relative to progress payments
  - Value of cash flow is a key
  - Consider negotiating higher progress payments if it will lower total cost
A FAR amendment made a number of changes for incentive fee contracts, including,

- A D&F required for all incentive and award fee type contracts
- Requiring that award fees be linked to acquisition objectives in the area of cost, schedule, and technical performance
- Clarify that a base fee amount at zero may be included in a cost plus award fee type contract
- Prescribes narrative ratings that will be utilized in award fee evaluations
- Prohibiting award fees if the contractor’s overall performance is not satisfactory
- Prohibiting the “rollover” of unearned award fees from one evaluation period to another
Incentivize Productivity

▼ Extend Navy’s Preferred Supplier to a DoD-wide pilot
  ▪ Ongoing: Criteria under review at OSD
  ▪ CPARS a factor?
  ▪ Value in being cited as a preferred supplier

▼ Reinvigorate IRAD
  ▪ Is IRAD properly focused?
  ▪ SBIRs – Increased emphasis; especially Phase IIIs – grows small business; innovation likely outcome
Promote Real Competition

▼ PMs to address at each milestone

- How achieving?
- Component breakout?
- Technology insertion?
- SBIRs; especially Phase III?
- Open architecture? (See slides 15 & 16)
- Contracts must help lead; especially component breakout
Open Architecture

Open Architecture is a goal of the DoD to decouple hardware from software to yield more modular, interoperable systems that adhere to open standards with published interfaces and fosters software reuse

- Increase competition
- Life cycle affordability
- Cited in Dr. Carter’s memo

The Navy has developed a guide book for program managers for the enterprise on open architecture tenets with sample language for requirements, evaluation factors, data rights and contract data requirements lists (CDRLs)

- Now on Version 2
Some of the key evaluation factors in Section L and M of our RFPs to implement OA tenets will consider:

- Modular designs
- Scalability of proposed designs
- Minimizing of unique proprietary design for interfaces
- Use of open standards
- Software reuse of COTS
- Data Rights (Government Purpose Rights)
If a competitive solicitation is open less than 30 days and only one offer is received, the contracting officer shall cancel the solicitation and re-solicit for at least an additional 30 days unless an exception applies or a waiver is granted.

For competitive solicitations where only one offer was received, the contracting officer shall use price or cost analysis in accordance with FAR 15.404-1 to determine fair and reasonable pricing.

If negotiations are necessary, the basis for negotiations shall be either certified cost or pricing data or data other than certified cost or pricing data, as determined by the contracting officer.

The Head Contracting Activity (HCA) may waive the requirement to re-solicit or to conduct negotiations.
DoD Guidebook for Services (http://sam.daw.mil/arrt)

Navy created a senior manager for services: Mr. Bruce Sharp

Related actions in Services Contracts

- Single award IDIQ requires D+F signed by HCA
- Over $100M single award IDIQ approved by ASN
- Emphasis on multiple award contracts (MACs)
- Services contracts in most cases limited to 3 years; especially knowledge based services
- Services contracts, even if MAC, should have ramp on provision
- SeaPort is a model – MAC; ramp ons (SPAWAR HQ virtually 100% of services on SeaPort)
- Effort to standardize templates for services PWS
- Emphasis on contracts which allow both CPFF and FFP orders
- Services contracts over $1 billion; must provide for cost efficiencies
Procedures to be used within the Department when conducting negotiated, competitive acquisitions utilizing FAR Part 15 procedures. Procedures include:

- required use of standardized rating criteria and descriptions for the “technical” and “past performance” factors and;
- a requirement that a Source Selection Advisory Council (SSAC) be appointed on Source Selections valued at over $100M. The SSAC will also be required to provide the Source Selection Authority (SSA) with a written comparative analysis of proposals and award recommendation for the SSA’s consideration.

Procedures effective July 1, 2011 and mandatory for all competitive acquisitions utilizing FAR part 15 procedures.
Service Contracting

▼ All new PRs for services must be accompanied by a certification executed by the Program Manager or equivalent stating that the requirement does not include an unauthorized personal services arrangement

▼ The SOW/PWS statements of work or performance work statements clearly distinguish between Government employees and contractor employees (New DFARS section 211.106)

▼ (DoD interim rule effective September 8, 2010)

▼ Federal Register:
Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) memo outlines the following action DCMA and DCAA have taken and coordinated with DPAP to meet this task:

- DCAA no longer performs field pricing audits on cost-type proposals below $100M and fixed-type proposals below $10M
- DCMA will be the single Agency responsible for issuing Forward Pricing Rate Agreements and Forward Pricing Rate Recommendations
- DCAA plans to cease performing Financial Capability Reviews and Purchasing System Reviews. DCMA will conduct both reviews.
- DCAA will continue to audit subcontract costs as part of its incurred costs audits and report any deficiencies to the Administrative Contracting Officer for resolution
- DPAP published for public comment a proposed rule to clearly define DCMA and DCAA roles and responsibilities for assessing and determining status of contractors’ business systems
One-on-one meeting; pre-RFP – fairness is key
Focus on “protest proof” is generally counter productive
Do not be discussion “averse”
De-briefs are mutually beneficial
Industry days, draft RFPs are also mutually beneficial
Better forecasting (small business)
Other Focus Areas at SPAWAR

- Fraud prevention
- COR program (See slides 24 & 25)
- Increase MACs
- Better forecasting
- SBIRs
- Small Business Targets
- “Incentives” to exceed small business targets
- Efficiencies
SPAWAR has developed the following POAM for improving contractor oversight and COR training:

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# Contractor Oversight and COR Training

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Contracting Policy Changes by Year

- FY 2005: 58
- FY 2006: 47
- FY 2007: 75
- FY 2008: 83
- FY 2009: 67
- FY 2010: 134
OUSD Memos of 14 September and 3 November are the key documents and demonstrate focus on cost, competition and “Getting a better deal”

More changes expected, e.g., emphasis on cost/price in source selections – not after profit

Stay tuned
Federal Business Opportunities
https://www.fbo.gov/

Government Executive
http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0210/020210rb1.htm

FAR
http://farsite.hill.af.mil/VFFARA.HTM

DFARS
http://farsite.hill.af.mil/VFDFARA.HTM

ASN (RD&A) Policy Memos
https://acquisition.navy.mil/rda/home/policy_and_guidance/policy_memos

DPAP
Back Up
Document Streamlining: The new PPP reflects the integration of the Acquisition Information Assurance (IA) Strategy and recognizes Program Protection as the Department’s holistic approach for delivering trusted systems.

PPP Review and Approval: Every acquisition program shall submit a PPP for MDA review and approval at Milestone A and shall update the PPP at each subsequent milestone and the Full-Rate Production decision.
The following changes to the milestone review process are directed:

1. **Milestone A:** MDAs shall conduct a MS A review supported by the information required by DoD Instruction 5000.02 before approving release of the final RFP for the Technology Development Phase.

2. **Pre-Engineering and Manufacturing Development (EMD) Review:** Program Managers shall plan for and MDAs shall conduct a Pre-EMD Review before releasing the final RFP for the EMD Phase.

3. **Milestone B:** MS B shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in DoDI 5000.02 and will include Acquisition Program Baseline approval and, for MDAPS, 10 U.S.C. 2366b certification.

4. **Milestone C:** The AS and RFP for the Production & Deployment (P&D) Phase shall be submitted for MDA review and approval prior to MS C and in sufficient time to allow source selection to be completed prior to the milestone event.

5. **Peer Reviews:** For competitive acquisitions, a Phase 1 Peer Review shall be conducted prior to release of the final RFP for any acquisition phase. For non-competitive acquisitions, a Phase 1 Peer Review shall be conducted prior to commencing negotiations.
Elimination of the Program Manager’s reporting responsibility for the Post-Critical Design Review (CDR) Report currently required by DoDI 5000.02, Enclosure 2.

PMs of MDAPs shall be required to invite DASD(SE) engineers to their system-level CDRs and make available CDR artifacts.

☑ Reduce Non-Productive Processes and Bureaucracy
Technology Readiness Assessments (TRA) should focus only on technology maturity and the responsibility for ensuring that technology maturity risk is adequately identified and mitigated should rest on the PM, Program Executive Officer, and Competent Acquisition Executive, subject to ASD(R&E) review.

Significant changes in TRA Guidance:

- TRA is required for MDAPs at MS B
- TRA will be conducted and reported by the PM
- The PM will submit a TRA final report to the Component Acquisition Executive to the ASD(R&E)
Reduce Non-Productive Processes and Bureaucracy

▼ Developed templates for Acquisition Strategy and System Engineering Plan

▼ Developed template for Program Protection Plan

▼ Developed template for Life Cycle Sustainment Plan
Reduce Non-Productive Processes and Bureaucracy

▼ Issued guidance to improve Milestone Effectiveness by allowing MDA to review program plans prior to RFP release
  ▪ “Improving Milestone Process Effectiveness” – Kendall (23 Jun 2011)

▼ Eliminated 45 of 97 USD(AT&L) internally generated reporting requirements and reduced page counts:

▼ Eliminated PM responsibility for Post-Critical Design Review report
Reduce Frequency of OSD Level Reviews

- Issued new streamlined Technology Readiness Assessment Guidance to refocus the TRL certification process to be consistent with its original intent of assessing technology maturity and risk
  - “Improving Technology Readiness Assessment Effectiveness” – Carter (11 May 2011)
- Reconstructed DAES and DABs to refocus on affordable and executable programs
- Evaluating current ACAT-ID programs to develop a prioritized list of programs to delegate to ACAT-IC status
- Clarified role of OIPTs
Reduce Frequency of OSD Level Reviews

▼ Work with Congress to eliminate low value added statutory requirements

- Legislative proposals
  - Submitted proposal to streamline Nunn-McCurdy process for quantity-induced breaches
  - Submitted proposal to repeal requirement for retroactive MS A and MS B certifications (Sections 2366a & 2366b, 10 U.S.C.)

- Drafting proposal to stop statutory reporting at termination, or when program is 50% delivered or 50% (vice 90%) of planned expenditures have been made
Reduce Frequency of OSD Level Reviews

▼ Reduce the volume and cost of Congressional Reports
  ▪ Requested repeal of 158 recurring Congressional reports (55 from AT&L)
  ▪ Established 5 page limit for reports; additional page count must have justification
  ▪ All Congressional reports must include cost to produce on front cover

▼ Reduce non-value added requirements imposed on industry