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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES  
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SUBJECT: Contracting Software Policy Guidance

The initial Standard Procurement System (SPS) contract award is expected in August 1996. Initial deployment to operational sites is planned for the last quarter FY97 following demonstration/validation and operational testing.

The SPS's effectiveness will depend upon its ability to perform standardized procurement functions, exchange standard data, interface with other functional areas, and operate within the Defense Information Infrastructure. The SPS Program Manager is responsible for software configuration control and assuring that a capable, functional, system is delivered to your contracting activities. The Military Departments and Defense Agencies must assure that the system's integrity and standardization of processes and functions are maintained within their component organizations. Therefore, once SPS is deployed at a contracting or contract administration office, legacy systems at that office must be discontinued unless they perform a function not yet deployed in the SPS.

The acquisition, development, or deployment of any software that duplicates a function performed by a deployed version of the SPS is prohibited unless I have approved the intended action.

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