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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY ACQUISITION PERSONNEL

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The attached November 2003 edition of the NMCARS replaces and supersedes the August 1997 edition of the Navy Acquisition Procedures Supplement. The NMCARS implements and supplements the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS).

This new November 2003 edition of the NMCARS is being issued in conjunction with a first time edition of the NMCAG, to be released concurrently by DASN(ACQ). In keeping with the DFARS Transformation Initiative, the NMCARS has been streamlined to reduce its content and focus principally on mandatory policies and procedures, including delegations of authority and assignment of responsibilities. The Guide primarily addresses administrative matters including procedures for processing documents for higher level approval, internal reporting requirements, and various discretionary practices.

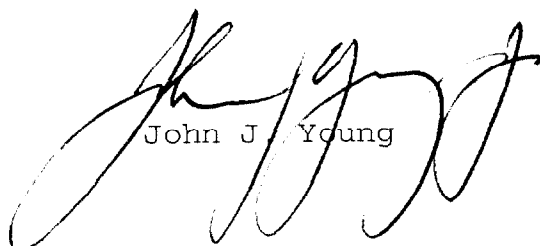
This new edition also incorporated policies and procedures previously promulgated by memorandum such as the Economy Act coverage being added to Part 5217. In addition, coverage pertaining to the use of the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) and the automated Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PIRS) has been incorporated.

The attached "Summary of Significant Changes" identifies the most noteworthy changes incorporated into this new edition. To the extent this NMCARS conflicts with policy issued by any previous memorandum, the policy in the memorandum should be considered canceled and/or superseded. However, guidance contained in prior memoranda that does not conflict with this NMCARS remains in effect.

I strongly support acquisition excellence and innovation. I encourage all DoN acquisition personnel to pursue the development of new techniques and methods of procurement by requesting changes or deviations to FAR/DFARS/NMCARS coverage

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that may inhibit creativity and originality. Recommendations
for changes or deviations should be submitted through the chain
of command.



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Attachments
as stated