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SUBJECT: Common Data Link (CDL) Executive Agent Designation

Effective immediately, the United States Air Force, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition (SAF/AQ), is assigned Executive Agent (EA) for Common Data Link Research and Development. Air Force Executive Agent responsibilities include managing the Joint Military Intelligence Program (JMIP) resources for CDL development in accordance with the attached Common Data Link Integrated Product Team (IPT) Charter. The EA, in coordination with the Services, and in accordance with the Charter, will implement configuration management processes to maintain CDL documentation, specifications, standards, test and certification procedures, and a modernization roadmap.

The Services remain responsible for procurement of CDL capability as part of their platform and ground/surface system acquisition programs. As indicated in the CDL IPT Charter, the Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC) is responsible for test and certification of the CDL family of systems to verify compliance with the CDL Specification and established interoperability standards per the existing Charter. This testing will ensure interoperable communications paths are achieved by employing an architecture based on standards to promote interoperability among the Services and coalition partners while preserving competition within private industry.

The Services will participate in the decision-making and information exchange forums identified in the CDL IPT Charter. The Director, ISR Systems, will co-chair the CDL IPT with the EA.

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**Common Data Link (CDL)**  
**Integrated Product Team (IPT)**  
**Charter**

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# Common Data Link IPT Charter

## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this charter is to establish a Common Data Link IPT comprised of representatives from each of the following organizations: ASD (C3I), Joint Staff, Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. DISA, NSA, and DIA may participate as observers. The CDL IPT will act as the oversight body for all CDL development program matters and ensure interoperability of current and future CDL Systems. The CDL IPT establishes and maintains standards for wideband data link interoperability among the Services. The CDL standard will apply to wideband air to surface, line-of-sight, air-to-air and air-to-satellite data links. CDL program responsibilities include maintenance of the CDL standard, and cooperative research and development activities that benefit the entire CDL community.

## II. REFERENCES

- A. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communication, and Intelligence (ASD(C3I)) memorandum "Common Data Link (CDL) Program Policy", dated December 13, 1991
- B. ASD(C3I) memorandum "C3I Tactical Data Link Policy", dated October 18, 1994

## III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. ASD(C3I): The ASD(C3I) is responsible for oversight of the CDL program. In this capacity, the ASD(C3I) will have the following responsibilities:
  - 1. Provide policy and oversight for CDL programs.
  - 2. Participate in the CDL information exchange forums.
  - 3. Coordinate frequency allocation issues.
  - 4. Co-chair with the EA, the CDL Integrated Product Team (IPT).
  - 5. Arbitrate inter-Service issues that can not be resolved through the CDL IPT.
- B. Executive Agent: The ASD(C3I) will designate a single Service to act as Executive Agent (EA) for the Joint Military Intelligence Program (JMIP) funded, CDL development program. As EA, the appointed Service will have the following responsibilities:

1. Maintain, update and distribute CDL documents as required. Documentation includes the Class I Specification, Security Classification Guide and System Description Document.
  2. Manage JMIP resources appropriated for the development and migration of CDL as directed by the CDL IPT.
  3. Serve as executive secretary for the CDL IPT.
  4. Manage the CDL resource allocation process.
  5. Coordinate with the Service Representatives to jointly develop POM inputs for CDL development.
  6. Chair the CDL Joint Configuration Control Board.
  7. With support from the Services, develop a CDL Technology Insertion Roadmap.
  8. Deconflict Joint CDL developments with Service CDL development activities.
  9. Report JMIP obligation and expenditure rates to the CDL IPT.
  10. Host technical information exchange forums for Government and Industry.
  11. Coordinate CDL related Munitions Export Licensing Agreement (MELA) cases. Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) will coordinate all CDL MELA cases for which a precedent or export policy does not exist with the appropriate Services. The affected Services will coordinate proposed positions on CDL MELA with the EA. The Services will provide coordinated positions to DTRA.
- C. Service Representatives: Each Service will designate a single representative to act on their behalf on matters related to the CDL program. This representative will have the following responsibilities:
1. Participate as voting member of the CDL IPT.
  2. Identify Service requirements for CDL systems to the EA.

3. Act as a single point of contact for their Service's CDL programs with regard to coordination activities, information requests, and requirement identification/documentation.

D. CDL IPT: The CDL IPT will act as the oversight body for all CDL matters. The IPT will be comprised of a representative from each of the following organizations; ASD(C3I), the Joint Staff, and each Service. The IPT will have the following responsibilities:

1. Establish technical working groups to resolve specific issues of common interest to the Services.
2. Review and approve CDL technical specifications and associated documents, such as the Technology Roadmap.
3. Review and approve CDL Program Element POM submittals.
4. Establish a CDL Joint Configuration Control Board (JCCB) to manage the CDL specification configuration and documentation.

E. Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC): As the responsible agent for Compatibility, Interoperability and Integration (CII) Certification, JITC will have the following responsibilities:

1. Establish test and certification procedures for the CDL program in concert with the Services to verify compliance with established standards
2. Maximize use of existing DoD CDL test and evaluation resources.

#### IV. FUNDING

A. JMIP resources appropriated for CDL shall be used for the following:

1. To develop CDL standards
2. To develop, procure, maintain, and operate interoperability certification and test system(s) to test candidate CDL terminals for compliance with CDL standards.
3. Perform non-recurring development and prototyping for CDL terminal equipment for subsequent integration in Service platforms.
4. Maintain configuration control of the CDL specification.

5. Perform systems engineering analysis and studies to support the evolution and integration of the CDL standard.

## B. PROGRAMMING BUDGETING PROCESS

1. During the POM build/program review, the CDL IPT will establish objectives for the CDL effort for the upcoming budget cycle. Each Service will develop proposals in consonance with these objectives. The CDL IPT will review these proposals and will determine the allocation of money to projects for the POM. The EA will submit the POM according to IPT direction.
2. Prior to the start of the budget execution year each Service receiving CDL funds will submit a spend plan to the EA for the upcoming year. If there is a departure from the plan submitted during the programming phase or if more/less funding is available than was requested, the CDL IPT will be convened to review the spend plans. The IPT will vote to adjust the planned allocation of funds as necessary to support the agreed objectives for the year to obtain the best return on investment.
3. During the execution year, Service representatives are required to submit monthly obligation and expenditure reports to the EA.

## V. TERMINATION/REVIEW

This charter will remain valid until modified or rescinded by ASD(C3I) in writing and will be reviewed every two years.



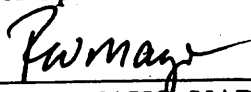
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