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March 2002 DoD Report Addresses Implementation of Defense Acquisition 2005 Task Force Recommendations

In response to section 825 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002, P.L.107-107, the Office of the Secretary of Defense prepared and sent a required report to the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services. The report addresses the implementation of 31 recommendations set forth in the final report of the Defense Acquisition 2005 Task Force. Of the 31 recommendations, 14 are in implementation, 14 are being merged into follow-on strategies, and 3 were not pursued. See the DoD report at www.ar.navy.mil/reflib/acq05rptimpl.pdf.

Modifications to Clinger-Cohen Act (CCA) Compliance Policy

The purpose of the Mar 2002 OSD policy memo is to clarify and simplify the requirements for judging compliance with the CCA. The memo specifies modifications to DoD 5000.2 regarding CCA compliance. These changes are effective immediately. To read the memo, see www.acq.osd.mil/ar/docs/Clinger-Cohen%20Acrobat%20Document.pdf.

ASN(RD&A) Discusses FY03 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Request Before House Armed Services Subcommittees

On 06 Mar 02, ASN(RD&A), The Honorable John J. Young, Jr., appeared before the House Armed Services Subcommittees to discuss the DON's FY03 Procurement and Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) Budget request. He cited specific programs targeted in the budget request, including: shipbuilding programs, aviation programs, expeditionary forces, theater combat systems, logistics, and science and technology transition. To read Mr. Young's statement, see www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/people/assistsecnav/asn_rda/young020306.txt.

DAU CLC Offering New Online Courses in International Armaments

The Defense Acquisition University Continuous Learning Center (DAU CLC) has announced the availability of a new three part online offering in International Armaments Cooperation available to all users of the DAU CLC. For course descriptions and to access courses, go to clc.dau.mil.

Program Focus: Office of Naval Research (ONR) Dragon Eye

The Dragon Eye program, a joint Marine Corps/Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) effort, in collaboration with industry, has successfully produced a low-cost robotic sensor system. Dragon Eye, a 4.4 pound remote controlled battery powered Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), can fit inside a standard Marine backpack. Plans are underway to deploy a pre-production version to support Marine security forces protecting the re-established American Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. Dragon Eye is a CY01 DON David Packard Award nominee and was recently featured in *Defense Daily* and *Popular Science*. Read the articles at *Defense Daily*, March 19, 2002 Pg. 10 and www.popsci.com/popsci/bown/aviation_46_dragoneye.html.



PM Seminar on Risk Management

A Program Managers' Seminar (formerly known as the PM NARSOC) on Risk Management is scheduled for 09 May 02 from 1230-1445 at the NAVSEA Auditorium, WNY, DC. Speakers will include ASN(RD&A) and risk management practitioners, and experts. A demonstration of the Risk Management Community of Practice and other risk tools will also be provided. The seminar is specifically geared towards PMs, deputies, key program personnel, PEO and SYSCOM representatives, and DASNs. Advance registration is encouraged due to WNY security. For more information or to make arrangements for a VTC connection, please contact the ARO Events IPT Lead at 703-602-2222 x124.

ACQUISITION KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (AKM) CORNER

The PMCoP Risk Management (RM) Community is taking the lead in a Risk ROI (Return on Investment) Metrics project with members from the Project Management Institute (PMI) and the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) Risk groups. The output will include case studies on successful RM projects and a more comprehensive understanding of how to calculate risk ROI.

The PMCoP is working with the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics/Software Intensive Systems (AT&L/SIS) representatives to establish a roadmap for how PMCoP & SIS can work together to provide a S/W Management support effort in PMCoP.

Awards Corner

Kudos

Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA, a 2001 Defense Acquisition Executive winner, is now one of the recipients of the 2002 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence. The Camp Pendleton Housing Privatization program, a pioneering public-private venture, successfully negotiated a 50 year agreement to privatize the construction, renovation, operation, and management of housing at the Marine Corps Base Camp for \$19.4M. Traditional military construction would have cost approximately \$97M, with more funding needed for future renovations during the 50 year term. The award ceremony is scheduled for 03 May 02, in the Pentagon Center Courtyard. For a complete list of winners, see www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2002/b03192002_bt132--02.html.

The Multi-Mission Helicopter Program Office (PMA299) announced that the first three MH-60S's have been delivered to an operational fleet squadron (HC-5 in Guam). The aircrew is currently in training and the Squadron will begin flying the MH-60's by June.

Upcoming Events of Note:

29–30 Apr 02 ASNE Day 2002: The Future of the U.S. Defense Industrial and Technology Base, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA (www.navalengineers.org/Events/ADAY2002/AD02Index.html)

02–03 May 02 APQC's Seventh Knowledge Management Conference: Navigating the Future of Knowledge Management, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Washington, DC (www.apqc.org/conf/km2002)

09 May 02 Program Managers' Seminar: Risk Management, NAVSEA Auditorium, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC (www.ar.navy.mil/events/050902pmseminar.pdf)

14–15 May 02 Federal Acquisition Conference and Exhibitor Fair: The Federal Acquisition Community's Vision Continues – Meeting Today's Challenges, Hotel Inter-Continental Dallas, Addison, TX (www.fac2002.com/index.asp)

21–24 May 02 Risk Management Symposium: Key Actions for the 21st Century, Hilton McLean, Tysons Corner, VA (www.aero.org/conferences/risk)

For an expanded list of the upcoming events and additional details, visit www.ar.navy.mil/events.cfm.

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