



THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, DC 20301

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ACQUISITION

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Establish Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
for Acquisition Reform

The Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Reform (DUSD(AR)) is established to direct fundamental and far-reaching acquisition and procurement reform measures to effect substantial improvement of the Department of Defense acquisition system.

Ms. Colleen Preston is selected to fill this position as a Senior Executive Level 06. Her legislative and congressional experience, coupled with her extensive background in government contracting, makes her uniquely qualified for this position. She served as advisor to House Committee members on parliamentary procedures and drafting legislative matters. She also was an attorney and advisor to the Air Force Secretariat on matters concerning bid protests, contract awards, ADPE, debarment and suspension issues. I strongly support Ms. Preston's appointment at this level, since her familiarity and expertise in these areas are of great importance in accomplishing the acquisition reform goals prescribed by this Administration.

The DUSD(AR) will report directly to me with oversight responsibilities for the Acquisition Reform Office; the Acquisition, Education, Training and Career Development Directorate; the Defense Acquisition University; and the Defense Systems Management College.

The attached position description and supporting documentation is submitted to effect this action as soon as possible.


John Deutch

Attachments