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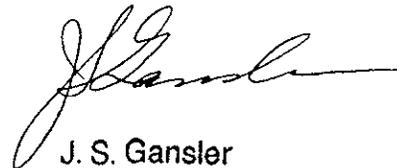
SUBJECT: DoD Acquisition Knowledge Management System

Creating a learning culture that embraces change and continuously adapts to new challenges is a key factor in achieving streamlined organizations and a professional acquisition workforce. Sharing knowledge is absolutely critical for our acquisition workforce to successfully attain higher performance, lower costs, and more rapid deployment of our weapon and support systems.

To that end, I direct the Defense Acquisition Policy Steering Group (DAPSG) to take immediate action to establish, implement, and manage a DoD Acquisition Knowledge Management System. The goal of the proposed acquisition knowledge management system is to offer knowledge-sharing opportunities, problem-solving capabilities, and a source for continuous learning to the acquisition professional by providing mechanisms for creating, accessing, and applying acquisition knowledge.

The Director of Acquisition Resources and Analysis and the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Reform, as co-chairs of the DAPSG, will take the lead in executing this critical initiative. They will form a Knowledge Management Working Group to develop the operational concept, design, and implementation strategy.

Please identify your representative to participate in this working group and provide their name, phone number, and e-mail address to either Dr. Joseph Ferrara (703-845-2192; ferraj@acq.osd.mil), or Mr. Richard Sylvester (703-697-6399; sylvesr@acq.osd.mil) within a week of the date of this memorandum.



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