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All,

On March 11, 2011 you were provided with the ASN (RD&A) memorandum dated November 25, 2009, subject Acquisition of Contractor-Provided Combat and Security Related Training. That memorandum established a certification requirement for ALL acquisitions of combat and security related training from commercial sources. LB was remiss in not getting this policy implemented within the MCFCS. This APM sets forth the requirements for certification and identifies those parties responsible for approval of certifications and adds a reporting requirement.

BACKGROUND:

a. Since the Department of Defense (DoD) has become increasingly reliant on contractors to provide military training, there is a need to monitor the impact on the organic core training capabilities across the Services. Accordingly, in 2009 the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) established a Task Force to assess the use of contractors in providing combat and security training to military personnel.

b. Based on the Task Force's findings and recommendations, DASN

memorandum of 25 November 2009 established criteria for higher level of monitoring and analysis for contractor-provided combat and security training and also established certification requirements for cases when such training must be acquired from commercial sources.

POLICY:

a. Combat and/or security related training may not be procured from commercial sources unless a certification declaring "contractor provided training is the only viable method of training available to meet the training mission requirement" is included in the procurement request (PR) package.

b. Contracting Officers shall ensure that the required certification and explanation have been approved before initiating any procurement action to acquire training.

PROCEDURES:

a. For any acquisition requiring combat and/or security related training, the Program Manager and requirement determination officials shall consider Service-provided Government training as the primary means for obtaining the training. The definitions of combat and security related training are as follows:

(1) Combat Related Training: Training provided by a contractor to military personnel (and contractor provided facilities for such training) at the individual, collective or staff level on combat skills that apply deadly force on enemy or hostile forces.

(2) Security Related Training: Training provided by a contractor to military personnel (and contractor provided facilities for such training) on security skills with an emphasis on force protection that apply deadly force on enemy or hostile forces.

b. If the Program Manager and requirement determination officials determine that combat and/or security related training cannot be obtained internally through the Government:

(1) Prior to initiating the procurement action, the Program Manager shall initiate preparation of a certification that declares "contractor provided training is the only viable method of training available to meet the training mission requirement." This certification must also include an explanation of the reason for not utilizing organic capabilities.

(2) Signature approval of the certification shall be obtained as outlined below:

(i) For acquisitions up to and including $1 million, the certification must be

approved by the head of the requesting activity or designee.

(ii) For acquisitions exceeding $1 million up to and including $20 million in any one year or $50 million in total, the certification must be approved by a SES or Flag/General Officer of the requesting activity.

(iii) For actions exceeding $20 million in any one year or $50 million in total, the certification must be approved by the Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics.

(3) Upon receipt of the approving official's signature, the Program Manager shall submit the certification to the Contracting Officer for inclusion in the PR package. Contracting Officers shall ensure that the required certification and explanation have been approved before initiating any procurement action to acquire training.

c. An annual reporting requirement is being added to MAPS Appendix B (see attached)

d. Appendix I is being added to MAPS to provide the format for combat and security related training reporting (see attached).

Please ensure this requirement is immediately conveyed to all acquisition personnel as well as your requiring activity personnel responsible for initiating purchase requests for combat and security related training.

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