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Attachments: APM CON 090 3 Oct 2010 Final.doc; DPAP policy for CON 090.pdf
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Ladies and Gentleman,

Attached you will find the APM for the CON 090 implementation and the DPAP policy. This policy went into effect on 10/1/2010, please take the time to review the policy and give it the widest dissemination throughout your offices.

If there are any question concerning this APM, please contact me using my contact information below.

Thanks

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BACKGROUND: DPAP has instituted FAR Fundamentals (CON 090) as a requirement for DAWIA Level I Contracting certification. FAR Fundamentals is a four week, resident, foundational course for new hires that provides a total immersion into the Federal Acquisition Regulation (Parts 1-53) and the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS).

POLICY:

- a. As stated in the attached DPAP Memorandum, dated 9 April 2010, effective 1 October 2010, CON 090, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Fundamentals, will be a requirement for DAWIA Level 1 Certification in Contracting for Defense Acquisition Workforce members hired on or after 1 October 2010.
- b. Those workforce members hired prior to 1 October 2010 and are not certified DAWIA Level 1 in contracting are exempt from the CON 090 requirement until 30 September 2012. Any exempt DoD employee that has not completed Level I certification in contracting by 30 September 2012 will be required to complete CON 090 for certification.
- c. For personnel hired after 1 October 2010, CON 090 is a prerequisite for all other courses with the exception of CON 100. CON 090 must be completed for new hires to the Contracting Career Field (Civilian GS Series 1102) prior to applying for DAWIA Level 1 certification.
- d. The change to the Warranting Requirements Matrix for HQMC, I&L (Contracts), located in the Contracting Officer Warrant Process Module of CMPG, is effective immediately and will be incorporated in the next CMPG release:

PROCEDURES:

- a. Marine Corps Field Contracting System Directors and Deputies ensure that all Defense Acquisition Workforce personnel hired after 1 October 2010 are made aware and understand the new policy. Also ensure that all personnel hired prior to 30 September 2010 and are not Level I certified understand the exemption policy.
- b. When applying for Warrant Level 1, all personnel hired after 1 October 2010 must provide proof of completion of CON 090 within their warrant application. For those personnel that fall under the exemption, if not warranted prior to 30 September 2012, must also show proof of completion of CON 090 to be warranted.

Request this APM be disseminated as widely as possible to activity contracting personnel.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
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SUBJECT: CON 090 "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Fundamentals"

Based on agreements among the senior leaders in defense contracting, the implementation date for CON 090 "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Fundamentals" as a DoD Level I Contracting certification training standard is modified from June 1, 2010 to October 1, 2010.

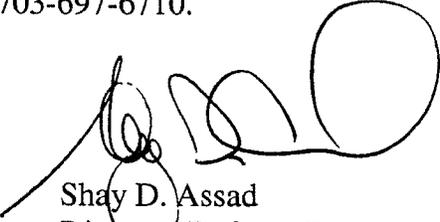
This standard applies to all Defense Acquisition Workforce employees seeking Level I certification in Contracting, except DoD employees in the 1102 occupational series (or military equivalent) on September 30, 2010. This exemption expires on September 30, 2012. Any exempt employees not completing Level I certification standards by September 30, 2012 will be required to complete CON 090.

In order to effectively rollout CON 090 and to enhance the instruction associated with the other 100 level contracting courses, the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) has designed the instruction so that either CON 090 or CON 100 *Shaping Smart Business Arrangements* can be taken as the initial contracting course; however, both must be completed prior to proceeding to CON 110 *Mission-Support Planning*. Accordingly, DAU has announced that CON 090 along with CON 100 will be prerequisites for CON 110 effective October 1, 2010.

The delay in implementation of CON 090 as a training standard for certification and authorization of the exemption are done to provide a smooth transition to the new certification standards. The senior leaders in Defense contracting feel strongly that CON 090 will greatly enhance the knowledge base and capabilities of our new

contracting specialists. Accordingly, DoD Components are highly encouraged to provide exempt employees the opportunity to complete CON 090 course offerings on a space available basis.

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