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MARINE CORPS ORDER 4200.33

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
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Subj: CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT (CLS) FOR GROUND EQUIPMENT,  
GROUND WEAPON SYSTEMS, MUNITIONS, AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Ref: (a) DOD 5000.2-R  
(b) MCO P12304.1  
(c) Title 10, U.S. Code  
(d) MCO 4000.56

1. Purpose. To publish policy and guidance for the consideration, selection and use of CLS for Marine Corps ground equipment, ground weapons systems, munitions, and information systems. This Order is intended to establish Marine Corps policy and guidance for the acquisition community that provides a philosophy or common basis on which prudent and timely decisions can be made with reference to the use of CLS.

2. Background. CLS is an effective means to support Marine Corps ground equipment, ground weapon systems, munitions and information systems under the appropriate conditions. However, no clearly defined overarching Marine Corps philosophy, policy, or guidance regarding the use of CLS has been published. The acquisition and logistics communities routinely make recommendations and decisions concerning the life cycle management of weapon systems and equipment. (Reference (a) applies). These recommendations and decisions must ensure Marine Corps-wide compliance with congressional statutes, Department of Defense (DoD) requirements, and current orders while also best serving the needs of our operating forces. CLS is clearly an important consideration to be addressed in the decisionmaking process.

3. Scope. This Order applies to ground equipment, ground weapon systems, munitions, and information systems. Non-deployable training systems/equipment, commercial ground equipment, aviation equipment and Contractor Engineering and Technical Services (CETS) are excluded from this Order. Refer to reference (b) for specific guidance on CETS.

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#### 4. Definitions

a. CLS. CLS is a method of obtaining logistics support for a product or service for a specified period of time. It may be implemented to provide total support for a product or system or to support one or more specific functions (e.g., maintenance, supply and distribution, training, information technology, and software/hardware support). CLS may be provided through commercial or government sources. CLS may encompass an entire system, individual system components, or a level of support services associated with the system or any and/or all of its components.

b. Interim Contractor Support (ICS). ICS is an acquisition strategy that allows fielding of a new or significantly modified item or system prior to determining the method of life cycle support on becoming operational. ICS gives the Marine Corps the flexibility to defer investment in all or part of the organic support resources (such as spare parts, technical data, support equipment, and training devices) and not to exceed 2 years.

c. Depot Maintenance CORE. Depot maintenance CORE is that capability within organic depots which meets readiness and sustainability requirements of the Joint Chief of Staff (JCS) contingency scenarios, minimizes risk, and retains only the minimum facilities, equipment, and skilled personnel necessary to ensure a ready and controlled source of required technical expertise.

d. Independent Logistics Assessment (ILA). ILA is a technical analysis of all programmatic aspects that address or affect supportability, logistics, or readiness. These assessments provide metrics to ensure that system engineering and the logistics planning efforts are proceeding in accordance with Marine Corps Logistics policies and procedures and the Acquisition Logistics Strategy (ALS).

#### 5. Policy

a. The Marine Corps is an expeditionary force and will retain, via all available means the maintenance, and supply and distribution capabilities required to maintain readiness.

b. Reference (c) governs the conduct of depot-level maintenance. It requires that DoD maintain adequate organic core

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depot maintenance capabilities to meet certain essential wartime demands, sustain institutional expertise, and promote competition. Depot maintenance CORE is further defined in references (a), (c), and (d). Furthermore, depot maintenance CORE capabilities are annually published in a Marine Corps Bulletin in the 4700 series.

c. The potential use of CLS is a consideration that should be addressed on a case-by-case basis to determine when, where, and how such support may best serve the Marine Corps operational and supportability requirements.

d. The decision to use organic support, contractor support, or a mixture thereof, should be based upon an analysis of alternatives. Such analyses must show the selection is the best among the alternatives, and the results are reflected in the Acquisition Decision Memorandum for each planned acquisition.

e. The decision to use CLS requires a contingency plan to transition to organic support, if CLS fails to meet the operational supportability requirements.

f. CLS should be transparent to the operating forces and supporting establishments.

g. CLS requirements (personnel, supplies, equipment, etc.) must be identified and included in all planning scenarios (garrison, training, deployments, contingency, etc.).

h. CLS personnel will not normally be deployed forward of the aerial or seaport of debarkation.

i. Contractor logistics information systems must interface with the Marine Corps/DoD Logistics Information Systems.

j. Every effort will be made to accommodate joint and interoperability considerations.

k. Warranties will not be extended unless an analysis of alternatives is performed and is determined to be the best alternative in meeting the Marine Corps needs. Warranties will not be extended to preclude implementation or circumvent the spirit and intent of this Order.

l. Requests for waivers to this policy will be forwarded to Commander, Marine Corps Materiel Command (COMMARCOMATCOM).

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6. Decision Support Planning. The decision to use organic support, CLS, or a mixture thereof, should be based upon analysis of alternatives performed by the acquisition community. However, an analysis of alternatives is not required when ICS is used as a part of the acquisition strategy. The analyses must be performed as early as possible in the life cycle management process based on, but not limited to, the following considerations:

- a. Operational readiness and support in garrison and during deployment;
- b. Security considerations;
- c. Requirement for technical information (technical manuals, parts lists, specifications, etc.);
- d. Requirement for support equipment (Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment(TMDE), special tools, etc.);
- e. Cost and availability of repair and spare parts;
- f. Cost, schedule, and performance;
- g. Density of equipment and geographical dispersion;
- h. Training systems and support training;
- i. Personnel skills required/available;
- j. Impact on force structure (ship/shore rotation, Training Planning Process Methodology, etc.)
- k. Maintenance levels required;
- l. Cost to provide support to contractors in garrison and ports of debarkation;
- m. Design instability and technology insertion;
- n. Commercial obsolescence;
- o. Planned life cycle;
- p. Facilities;
- q. Environmental Safety and Health;

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r. Packaging, Handling, Shipping and Transportation considerations;

s. Surge considerations; and

t. Primary Inventory Control Activity/Secondary Inventory Control Activity.

7. Action

a. Headquarters Marine Corps, Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (DC, IL) ( LPP-3) will maintain this Order to reflect current policy.

b. The Commander, Marine Corps Materiel Command (COMMARCOMMATCOM) will:

(1) Provide implementing instructions in support of this policy.

(2) Adjudicate all waivers to this policy.

(3) Commend policy changes, as required.

8. Reserve Applicability. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.



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