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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Elimination of the Major Automated Information System Review Council (MAISRC)

The attached Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum disestablished the MAISRC.

Effective immediately, the MAISRC Overarching Integrated Product Team (OIPT) is redesignated the Information Technology (IT) OIPT. These changes will be incorporated into DoDD Directive 5000.1 and DoD Regulation 5000.2-R. All other policy specified in DoD 5000.2-R remains in effect for ACAT IA programs.

The IT OIPT will continue the precedent set by the MAISRC OIPT of resolving all ACAT IA program issues at the lowest possible level. Oversight of ACAT IA programs and information technology initiatives will continue to be conducted through the IPT process. Issues that cannot be resolved by Working-Level IPTs will be elevated to the IT OIPT. When the IT OIPT cannot resolve an issue, I (or my designee) will convene a special review.

The IT OIPT will also develop and implement procedures to provide the CIO with visibility into IT investments to ensure that they are managed in accordance with the Clinger-Cohen Act and other acquisition reform legislation. To this end, over the next 6 to 12 months, the IT OIPT will transition from focusing on reviews of individual acquisitions or systems. The new focus will be on delegating more acquisition authority to the DoD Components, on looking horizontally across "portfolios" of IT investments, and on assessing whether IT investments and IT investment portfolios are consistent with DoD plans and are providing measurable improvements to DoD's core missions.

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DoD Directive 5000.1 and DoD 5000.2-R, as updated on March 15, 1996, integrated and streamlined the acquisition policies and procedures for weapon systems and automated information systems. Since that time, oversight of major automated information system acquisition programs (i.e., Acquisition Category (ACAT) IA programs) has been largely conducted through the integrated product team (IPT) process. Due to the success of acquisition reform and the IPT process, and the related emphasis on teamwork, tailoring, and empowerment, it is rarely necessary to hold a formal meeting of the MAISRC. Therefore, as part of the Department's streamlining initiative, the MAISRC is hereby disestablished. The MAISRC Overarching IPT (OIPT) is redesignated the Information Technology OIPT.

The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence (ASD(C3I)), as the DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO), will continue to be the Milestone Decision Authority for ACAT IA programs. When issues regarding ACAT IA programs cannot be resolved by the IPT process, the DoD CIO or his designee will convene a special review to resolve the issues.

All other policy specified in DoD 5000.2-R remains in effect for ACAT IA programs.

The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition & Technology (USD(A&T)) remains responsible for establishing acquisition policies and procedures and for chairing the Defense Acquisition Board (DAB). When an IT investment meets the criteria for an ACAT ID program, the program will be reviewed by the DAB.

The ASD(C3I), in coordination with the USD(A&T), will revise existing policy and issue additional guidance to implement this action.

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