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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army's Implementation of Department of Defense Enterprise Software Initiative (DoD ESI)

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) is re-issuing this information to all Principal Assistants Responsible for Contracting (PARC) offices to support the Army Small Computer Program (ASCP) office efforts with the DoD ESI and to reiterate the obligation for all Government Purchase Card (GPC) participants to comply with mandated Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement (DFARS) requirements for purchasing computer software.

Enclosed is the ASCP training package for the (ESI). Request all PARC offices ensure this package is provided to all GPC Activity/Organization Purchase Coordinators for incorporation in their local GPC training. The GPC Customers must also be provided with additional training emphasizing the information documented on the Customer Automation and Reporting Environment Transaction Log must register if the transaction is an ESI contract and if not, provide documentation that a waiver has been obtained, or justification for not complying with the ESI requirement.

In June 1998, the DoD Chief Information Officer established the ESI. The goals of the ESI were to obtain buy-in for DoD enterprise-wide software agreements, reduce the acquisition and support costs of software by leveraging DoD buying power, and create a funding mechanism that will provide incentives for using DoD-wide software initiatives.

In October 1998, the Vice Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers issued a memorandum to implement the DoD Enterprise Software Initiative. This memorandum re-designated the Product Manager, ASCP, as the single point of contact within the Army to coordinate all Government-wide agency contracts. The memorandum also expanded that designation to include blanket purchase agreements and Army/DoD enterprise license agreements.

In Fiscal Year 1999, the Department of the Army reiterated the utilization of the Army Small Computer Program for Government-wide agency contracts. This guidance highly recommended agencies planning to award blanket purchase agreements consult with the ASCP. Furthermore, the use of the Army's Small Computer Program existing standard contracts was encouraged for the acquisition of information technology products and services. The memorandum stated that those agencies wishing to be exempt from utilizing existing contracts must request a waiver through the Program Manager, ASCP.

On October 25, 2002, the DFARS was revised requiring the use of enterprise agreements. The DFARS states that once a software requirement is established, the requiring official will review information at the enterprise software initiative website to determine if the DoD inventory can fulfill the requirement. If not, the requiring official will coordinate with their service's software product manager to obtain the software through the most cost-effective means. The Army Chief Information Officer issued a memorandum to notify Army organizations of the changes made in the DFARS, and to ensure all Army organizations fulfill requirements for commercial software and related services in accordance with the DFARS.

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