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MEMORANDUM FOR SERVICE ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES  
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SUBJECT: United States Standards Strategy

Attached for information is the recently approved United States Standards Strategy (USSS), which sets the direction for standards development in the future and provides a framework for strengthening standardization processes to advance the social and economic well-being of the United States in a global economy.

This strategy is the result of a collaborative effort between industry, standards developers, consumer groups, academia, and government agencies, including the Department of Defense. I encourage you to review those tactical initiatives assigned to the federal government to determine if there are actions that your Military Department or Defense Agency can take to help support this important national strategy.

The Department of Defense has a long and proud tradition of working with industry on private sector standards committees to develop standards that serve not only our national defense, but the Nation. Having adopted over 9000 non-government standards, the Department continues to be a leader among federal agencies in supporting the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (P.L. 104-133) mandate to use non-government standards whenever possible, instead of developing government-unique specifications and standards. I ask that you use this occasion of the issuance of the USSS to reassess the adequacy of participation by personnel in your Military Department or Defense Agency on non-government standards committees to ensure that our needs continue to be met, and to reaffirm your commitment to use these standards.



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Attachment:  
As stated

