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**MEMORANDUM FOR SERVICE ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE, U. S. ARMY
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SERVICE ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE, U.S. AIR FORCE
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY
DIRECTOR, INTEROPERABILITY**

SUBJECT: Joint Materiel Performance Standards Roadmap

The Department of Defense has made significant progress in Military Specifications and Standards reform. To date, we have canceled or migrated over 9600 Military Specifications and Standards to international or non-government standards. Another 8100 Military Specifications and Standards have been inactivated; retained only to support legacy systems and equipment. I congratulate you on your efforts.

As the DoD looks to the future, we must ensure our standardization efforts support implementation of approved warfighter unilateral and coalition interoperability requirements through our emerging acquisition and logistics practices, specifically the "family of systems" strategy defined in DoD 5000 and the Future Logistics Environment. Today, more than 850 DoD representatives are engaged in non-government standards efforts and international standards activities. We must assure that these representatives are pursuing open, performance-based standardization opportunities that will meet our warfighter's requirements for enhanced interoperability in unilateral and coalition operations.

ADUSD (Logistics Plans and Programs) is the Defense Standardization Executive (DSE) and is responsible for the Defense Standardization Program (DSP). I direct the DSE to develop a Joint Materiel Performance Standards Roadmap (JMPSR) consistent with our "family of systems" strategy and the implementation of the Future Logistics Environment. The Military Departments are directed to support this effort through their existing Defense Standardization Offices. The DSE will establish a Joint Materiel Performance Standards Working Group reporting to the Defense Standardization Council, to assist in the development of the JMPSR. The JMPSR will comply with the policies of DoD 4120.24-M, Defense Standardization Program Policies and Procedures, and

coordinate its efforts with the existing DSP Integrated Product Teams for Interoperability and Logistics Readiness. The JMPSR will document the form, fit, function and interface specifications for mechanical, electrical, and electronic equipment, and associated open, performance-based standards processes not related to information systems, that will meet established warfighter requirements for unilateral interoperability and coalition operations. The JMPSR will then be used to prioritize DoD efforts in support of non-government open performance-based standards and to further guide continued Military Specifications and Standards reform. The JMPSR will document open, performance-based materiel standards requirements to support our warfighters in the design of new, and major modifications of existing systems, subsystems, and support equipment. The DSE will submit the JMPSR and an associated implementation plan, coordinated with the Military Departments and Defense Agencies, to me in six months. Once the JMSPR Implementation Plan is approved, the DSE will report, through the Military Departments and Defense Agencies, every six months thereafter on implementation progress.

My focal point for this effort is Mr. Louis Kratz, ADUSD (Logistics Plans and Programs). Mr. Kratz may be reached at 703-614-6327 or via e-mail at Louis.Kratz@osd.mil.



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