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A New DoD 5000 on the Horizon

A Defense Acquisition Policy Working Group (DAPWG) has been developing a new acquisition process model and has started a rewrite effort that will result in significant changes to DoD 5000 acquisition policy and procedures.

This will be a major effort undertaken in a very short period of time. Dr. Gansler, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (USD(AT&L)), has directed an aggressive schedule that could result in the new DoD 5000 series being issued as early as February 2000.

One of the central aspects of the new DoD 5000 series of instructions will be an acquisition model that accommodates time-phased requirements. The model was tested against a variety of program types, from the smallest systems to major ship acquisition programs. Many of the fine details of the acquisition model still need to be addressed.

One feature of this model is that programs will not be initiated without a firm understanding of the technology required for the program solution. This will probably result in the increased use of demonstration programs, much like ACTDs, to demonstrate the readiness of technology being incorporated into a new acquisition program. Other features of this model would include evolutionary acquisition with a block approach, where the initial block satisfies the core requirements, and future blocks incorporate evolving capability as system requirements and technical solutions become better defined.

Upcoming Events:
A&LR Week 2000
22-26 May

Key Focus Areas include:

- Implementing time-phased requirements and evolutionary acquisition.
- Strengthening focus on modular, open-systems design.
- Strengthening implementation of supporting tools.
- Integrating test and evaluation.
- Enhancing management of interoperability and system-of-systems issues.
- Integrating acquisition and logistics.

Major objectives to be codified in the new DoD 5000 series include:

- Developing an acquisition model that reduces cost and cycle time while delivering improved performance. The acquisition model will no longer allow programs to be initiated without a firm understanding of the technical solution and the readiness of the technology to be incorporated into the new acquisition program.
- Moving DoD closer to commercial-style approach.
- Implementing Section 912 recommendations.
- Implementing other report recommendations and key initiatives.
- Further streamlining the acquisition process.

The schedule for the rewrite includes formal coordination of the first draft in late January 2000. The Defense Acquisition Policy Steering Group resolution of major issues will be conducted during January and early February 2000.