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Subj: DoN IMPLEMENTATION MEMO 96-1, USE OF CANCELED SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS; PILOT PROJECTS FOR REPROCUREMENTS

Ref: (a) DoN Standards Improvement Program Plan, of 21 Dec 94
(b) DoN Standards Improvement Program Implementation Memo 95-4 of 7 Apr 95

USE OF CANCELED SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS.

The objective of existing DoD policy on "cancellation without replacement" of standardization documents is to eliminate military specifications and standards no longer needed for procurement and process-related actions, respectively. This cancellation process assumes that specifications and standards will only be canceled without replacement if the Preparing Activity is **reasonably** certain through coordination with DoD and industry users that the requirement for the document no longer exists. During this period of accelerated document review and disposition, military specifications and standards may be canceled even though they are still needed for either new developments or **reprocurements**.

The following is the DoN policy for use of canceled military specifications and standards that are needed for Acquisition Category (**ACAT**) program, non-ACAT program, and designated Automated Information System (**AIS**) program solicitations, and for **reprocurements**:

1. For **ACAT** and **AIS** programs, the Program Manager will obtain approval to use canceled military specifications and standards on solicitations in accordance with the formal waiver process described in references (a) and (b).
2. The DoN Standardization **Office** will track the occurrences of the use of canceled specifications and standards in **ACAT** and **AIS** programs, and as necessary, will propose the appropriate reinstatement in accordance with the Defense Standardization Program.

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3. For non-ACAT programs, the Head Contracting Authority, or designee, of the activity in which the acquisition is planned can approve the use of canceled specifications and standards on solicitations.

4. It is recognized that the cost and schedule impact to review and update Technical Data Packages and system specifications prior to **reprocurement** actions to replace canceled and detailed specifications and standards with either performance or commercial specifications is prohibitive in most cases. Therefore, use of canceled military specifications and standards that are cited in **reprocurement** Statements of Work, Technical Data Packages, system or production specifications, Contract Data Requirements Lists, and Data Item Descriptions is authorized.

Copies of canceled military specifications and standards may be obtained from the Department of Defense Single Stock Point by a request **from** the responsible government procurement or contracting **officer** citing the need for the document. Copies of canceled military specifications and standards may also be obtained through commercial document information services, i.e., IHS DoD Standardization Services on CD-ROM.

PILOT PROJECTS FOR REPROCUREMENTS

Despite the expected cost and schedule impact for most applications, it is felt that there may be opportunity for cost savings and new technology insertion **from** modernizing our increasing number of **reprocurements**. In order to assist the Program Office in evaluating the **cost/benefit** of applying specifications and standards reform to **reprocurements**, the DoN Inventory Control Point is planning the execution of several pilot projects to develop criteria for use in the decision process to **modify** **reprocurement** design and drawings for the purpose of reducing acquisition cost and inserting new technology. These pilot projects are focused on those weapon systems having a large number of **reprocurement** actions in **FY97**. System Commanders, Program Executive **Officers**, and Direct Reporting Program Managers are requested to support the execution of these pilot projects as they apply to your programs. The Command Standards Improvement Executives will be contacting selected Program Offices for participation in these pilot projects.



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