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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Revision of Update to Policy for Unique Identification (UID) of Tangible Items –New Equipment, Major Modifications, and Reprocurements of Equipment and Spares

This revision of the "Update to Policy for Unique Identification (UID) of Tangible Items – New Equipment, Major Modifications, and Reprocurements of Equipment and Spares," dated November 26, 2003, clarifies the use of the Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) code given the current lack of an Issuing Agency Code (IAC) for CAGE.

Efforts to request an IAC for the CAGE code are underway and are awaiting a vote by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission Joint Technical Committee 1, Sub Committee 31 (SC31), Automatic Data Capture. As part of the request, a liaison between NATO Allied Committee 135, National Directors of Codification, and SC31 is being sought. DoD expects this process to be complete and an IAC for CAGE established no later than March 1, 2004.

Since the IAC is derived by the data qualifier for the enterprise identifier and is not physically marked on an item, enterprises may use the CAGE code in their UID item marking efforts associated with solicitations issued on or after January 1, 2004. Commencing on that date, activities should use D1 for CAGE and D2 for Department of Defense Address Activity Code (DoDAAC), if required. The D1 and D2 codes are the anticipated code assignments. Once the IACs are issued, guidance will be provided allowing activities to update their AIS systems, if required, including any retroactive corrections to these temporary IAC designations. Additional instructions may be issued in the event the establishment of an IAC for CAGE is delayed beyond March 1, 2004.

Additional information and the DoD Guide to Uniquely Identifying Items are at http://www.acq.osd.mil/uid. The point of contact is Mr. Robert Leibrandt. Please address your questions to him at (703) 695-1099 or by email at robert.leibrandt@osd.mil.

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