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SUBJECT: Role of Human Systems Program Office (HSPO) and Required Actions for all Organizations Participating in or Leading Aircrew Life Support Acquisition or Sustainment

REFERENCE: Aircrew Life Support Program Eagle **Look**, PN 01-502, dtd 30 Apr 01

The Air Force Inspection Agency (AFIA) completed a study of the Aircrew Life Support program. One significant finding is that Air Force organizations involved in the acquisition and sustainment of Aircrew Life Support Equipment (ALSE) do not recognize the single management authority of the HSPO. In addition, Aircrew Life Support acquisition and sustainment roles and responsibilities of other program offices are not clearly defined or delineated from those of the HSPO, resulting in redundant efforts or failure to adequately integrate ALSE into Air Force systems.

As now defined in AFI 11-301, Volume 1, Aircrew Life Support Program, the director of the HSPO is the Single Manager for all Air Force ALSE and responsible for Operational Safety, Suitability, and Effectiveness. The HSPO director must be the Air Force's single point of contact and serve as a clearing house and central knowledge base for ALSE, regardless of the weapon system SPO or logistics center leading a specific ALSE acquisition or sustainment effort. In turn, weapon system Single Managers are responsible for airworthiness certification of their systems with ALSE installed or on-board. In order for both Single Managers to fulfill their roles, they must work together.

Effective immediately, all Air Force organizations participating in or leading ALSE acquisition and sustainment activities are required to coordinate their efforts with the HSPO, 311th HSWNA, Brooks City-Base, Texas. This coordination will take place throughout the entire acquisition process. In turn, the HSPO will assist program managers in developing acquisition and sustainment solutions that leverage across all platforms. Please ensure the next re-write of your Program Management Directives captures the above direction.

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