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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM CC
PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
DESIGNATED ACQUISITION COMMANDERS

SUBJECT: Policy for Unique Identification (UID) of Tangible Items - New Equipment, Major Modifications, and Reprocurments of Equipment and Spares

Unique Identification (UID) is a mandatory Department of Defense (DoD) requirement on all solicitations issued on or after January 1, 2004. We support the new policy that was signed on 29 July 03, by Mr Michael Wynne, Acting Undersecretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics) and concur with OSD direction that Component Acquisition Executives incorporate the policy into ongoing contracts where it makes business sense to do so.

UID capability has been widely used throughout the aviation and technology industries to improve management practices and track significant assets throughout their life and through the supply management chain. By embracing the new policy, UID will enable the Air Force with a more precise configuration control of weapons systems and enhance the level of support to the warfighter. UID will be able to identify poor performing items, decrease premature disposal of items, drive reliability improvements and manage specific warranty requirements.

The attached guidance supersedes OSD 19 Dec 02 and 4 Apr 03 memoranda. Additional UID information and guidance is located at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/uid>. We need an integrated acquisition and sustainment approach to implement this policy by January 1, 2004. Request HQ AFMC take the lead in developing an implementation strategy in coordination with AFSOC and AFSPC as well as headquarters points of contact identified below. Additionally, request that AFMC integrate UID policy implementation with on-going SNT efforts. Headquarters points of contact for this policy are Mr Vince Howie for logistics (HQ USAF/ILID, DSN 225-4665) Maj Art Garcia for acquisition (SAF/AQX, DSN 425-7102), and Lt Col Leslie Blackham for space systems (SAF/USAP, DSN 425-7344). This memo has been coordinated with SAF/USA.


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Attachments:

1. Distribution
2. OUSD(AT&L) Policy for UID, 29 Jul 03

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