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SUBJECT: Center of Excellence for Earned Value Management (CEVM)

References:

(a) DASN (M&B) Memorandum on EVM, dated 12 Jan 06
(b) DASN (M&B) EVM Mission Statement, dated 30 Mar 06
(c) DASN (M&B) EVM Memorandum on Center for Earned Value Management dated 30 August 06

In accordance with references (a) through (c), my intentions as stated are to reinvigorate ASN (RD&A)'s leadership role in implementing EVM policy and principles in the Navy's acquisition community. In December 2005, I formed an EVM Integrated Process Team (EVM IPT) to assess and make recommendations on how to implement EVM more effectively and more consistently across *all* Navy acquisition programs. The IPT was led by my staff and comprised of representatives from the SYSCOMS, cost shops, and other key stakeholders in the Navy's acquisition process.

Reference (c) informed you of my intention to implement the IPT's recommendation to adopt a more centralized approach to managing EVM by creating a Navy Center to fulfill this function. Enclosure (1) is the Charter for the Center for Earned Value Management. While the functions and responsibilities of this new Center are likely to evolve over the next couple years, I believe this Charter is a good start. I have selected Mr. Beau Willis as the director of this Center and I ask that you support him in his new role. The Center is scheduled to begin operating in April 2007.

In addition to other areas that the EVM Mission Statement addresses, I am devoting greater focus toward improving the visibility of the status of all Navy acquisition programs by reviewing assessments of program performance on a monthly basis. Currently my staff (after April this function will be performed by the CEVM) is using program data from Navy Dashboard and Defense Acquisition Executive Summary (DAES) reports to provide the Navy leadership with program performance information. To enable an accurate and rigorous assessment of the programs, program offices must submit data that is accurate, complete, and timely. Henceforth, I am asking that your data providers input their program information to Dashboard on a MONTHLY basis. Other new data requirements are listed in enclosure (2).

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EVM is one management tool we will use to properly and responsibly manage our programs so that we can begin to deliver the systems and platforms to the fleet on cost and schedule. Please address any questions regarding this initiative to Mr. Beau Willis, Director, CEVM at 703-418-1960

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Attachments as stated:

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