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**MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Acquisition of Contractor-Provided Combat and Security Related Training**

In the attached April 2, 2009 memo, the Secretary of Defense directs a higher level of monitoring and analysis for contractor-provided combat and security-related training than has previously been the case. Accordingly, program managers and requirement determination officials shall consider Service-provided government training as the primary means for combat and security related training. When such training must be acquired from commercial sources, the requesting command shall incorporate a certification in all procurement request documentation declaring that, "contractor provided training is the only viable method of training available to meet the training mission requirement." Additionally, the package must include an explanation of the reason for not utilizing organic capabilities.

For acquisitions exceeding \$1 million, the certification and explanation must be approved by an SES or Flag/General Officer of the requiring activity. For actions exceeding \$20 million in any one year or \$50 million in total, approval must be obtained from the Chief of Naval Operations, Commandant of the Marine Corps or their SES or Flag/General Officer designee.

Contracting Officers, (or releasing officials, in the case of services being acquired through a contracting action outside the Department of the Navy,) shall ensure that the required statement and explanation have been approved before initiating any procurement action to acquire the training.

The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Acquisition and Logistics Management shall annually review all contracts involving security force training.

The following definitions shall be used to determine if the training to be procured requires the certification required above:

- **Combat Related Training** – Training provided by a contractor to military personnel (and contractor provided facilities for such training) at the individual, collective or staff level on combat skills that apply deadly force on enemy or hostile forces.
- **Security Related Training** – Training provided by a contractor to military personnel (and contractor provided facilities for such training) on security skills with an emphasis on force protection that apply deadly force on enemy or hostile forces.

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