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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: Navy Program Delegation Decisions Acquisition Decision Memorandum

**Purpose:** The Navy requested I consider delegating Milestone Decision Authority (MDA) for the programs discussed below to the Secretary of the Navy, who may further delegate the authority to the Navy Service Acquisition Executive (SAE).

**Decisions:**

- I hereby delegate to the Secretary of the Navy the authority to act as the MDA for the following two programs. Accordingly, the Acquisition Category (ACAT) designations for these programs are now identified as noted below:
  - Cobra Judy Replacement (ACAT IC)
  - Distributed Common Ground System-Navy Increment 1 (ACAT IAC)
  
- I will reconsider delegating to the Secretary of the Navy the authority to act as the MDA for the following programs as noted below. Until a future ADM is issued, the ACAT designations for these programs will remain ACAT ID:
  - Fleet Replenishment Oiler (T-AO(X)) – after approval of the Acquisition Strategy.
  - Remote Minehunting System – at Milestone C or possibly after approval of the new Acquisition Strategy for release of a request for proposals.
  - Amphibious Assault Ship (Replacement) (LHA(R)) – at the FY 2015 Defense Acquisition Board (DAB) review authorizing LHA 8.
  - Joint Precision Approach and Landing System – after the Navy restructures the program.
  - E-2D Advanced Hawkeye – after completion of end-to-end testing and the FY 2014 DAB review.
  - P-8A Poseidon – after the full rate production decision and when all of the Increment 1 key performance parameters have been demonstrated.
  
- I will remain the MDA for the following ACAT ID programs:
  - Virginia Class Submarine (SSN 774)
  - Littoral Combat Ship Seaframes
  - DDG 51 including Flight III
  - Air and Missile Defense Radar
  - AIM 9X Block III

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**Discussion:** The Department of the Navy recommended I delegate the authority to act as the MDA for the above programs to the Navy. I carefully considered the status of these programs and based my decision on the particular circumstances associated with each one. I have decided to delegate two programs at this time. I will reconsider the remaining programs for delegation as each program evolves.

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