MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

Subject: Contractor Past Performance Information Reporting

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requires that contractor past performance information be collected (FAR Subpart 42.15) and used in source selection evaluations (FAR Subpart 15.3). Within the Department of Defense, use of the Contractor Performance Assessment and Reporting System (CPARS) for the collection of contractor past performance information is mandatory for contracts meeting the business sector thresholds addressed in the Department of Defense CPARS Policy Guide of March 2010.

The primary purpose of CPARS is to ensure that current and accurate contractor past performance information is available for use in source selections through the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS). PPIRS is used as a resource in awarding contracts and orders to contractors that consistently provide quality, on-time products and services that conform to contractual requirements.

It is expected that all Department of the Navy organizations will be in full compliance with CPARS reporting requirements. Currently, however, the Department has a compliance rate of less than 50% for the completion of required performance assessments for eligible contracts. Attached is a list of non-compliant contracts as reported by the PPIRS Program Office as of May 19, 2010.

I have directed the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics Management to provide me with a status update on August 2, 2010. Your prompt attention to complete necessary corrective action is appreciated. Questions on this matter may be addressed to Bob Johnson, robert.f.johnson@navy.mil, (703) 693-2936.

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