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MEMORANDUM FOR COMPONENT ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES

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SUBJECT: Definition of Integrated Testing

Rigorous test and evaluation is key to the ability of the Department's acquisition process to provide the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines the systems on which they depend. As we strive to shorten acquisition timelines and meet performance, cost, and schedule thresholds, it is essential to achieve efficiency by integrating all testing (contractor and government).

DoDI 5000.2 and the USD(AT&L) and DOT&E December 22, 2007 memorandum mandate the use of integrated testing. We are providing the following definition, effective immediately.

*Integrated testing is the collaborative planning and collaborative execution of test phases and events to provide shared data in support of independent analysis, evaluation and reporting by all stakeholders particularly the developmental (both contractor and government) and operational test and evaluation communities.*

The Reliability Improvement Working Group, established by our February 15, 2008 memo, is charged with implementing the mandate to integrate developmental and operational testing and will provide guidance to include this definition in the next update to the Defense Acquisition Guidebook.

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