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SUBJECT: Continuation of Centrally Funded Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Fund Initiatives

Since 2009, the Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Fund (DAWDF), established at title 10, U.S.C., section 1705, has enabled the Department of Defense (DoD) to rebuild the acquisition workforce through recruiting, hiring, training, development, and retention initiatives. This recent and ongoing investment supports our need during these austere times to support the Warfighter, increase buying power, and achieve long-term savings.

All Components must continue acquisition workforce initiatives centrally funded by and subject to availability of the DAWDF. These initiatives include targeted hiring for mission critical acquisition functions and other ongoing DAWDF initiatives to bolster and sustain the quality of the acquisition workforce. Quality initiatives include training, development, recruitment, and retention initiatives.

My office for DoD-wide acquisition workforce initiatives is planning and managing the availability of DAWDF funding to enable prudent and effective continuation of initiatives while also preparing to meet potential budget reduction requirements. We will keep you informed of any changes in the availability of DAWDF funding that result from the evolving budget situation.

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