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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Rapid Deployment Capability Acquisition Process

The Global War On Terrorism and the ever-changing nature of the enemy, demands the rapid deployment of new or improved capabilities to the Warfighter. The Rapid Deployment Capability (RDC) process, outlined in SECNAVINST 5000.2C, is a tailored approach for initiating and managing development of a capability needed immediately by the Warfighter.

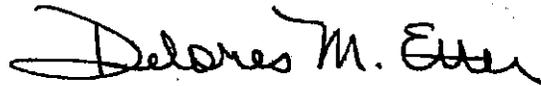
The Rapid Deployment Capability process provides the ability to react immediately to newly discovered threats or to respond to urgent safety situations through special, tailored procedures. The process is designed to streamline the dialogue among the requirements, PPBES and acquisition communities; expedite technical, programmatic and financial decisions; and expedite the procurement and contracting processes.

Rapid Deployment Capability efforts are initiated by a memorandum request prepared by the program sponsor/requirements division and validated by CNO (N8) / CMC (Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command). The validated request is then forwarded to ASN(RD&A) for approval. If approved, ASN(RD&A) will assign a RDC program designation identifier and forward the RDC requirement to the appropriate Program Executive Officer (PEO), Systems Command (SYSCOM), or Direct Reporting Program Manager (DRPM). PEOs, SYSCOMs and DRPMs will develop and approve a comprehensive RDC strategy. The strategy will include specific expediting measures, a plan of action and milestones that includes transition to an ACAT program and a plan for logistics and long-term maintenance support. Specific oversight responsibilities for the PEOs, SYSCOMs and DRPMs will be delineated.

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Heads of Contracting Activities shall ensure that contracting offices work with requirements personnel to consider all available tools to deliver the needed capability as expeditiously as possible, including letter contracts; incentives for early delivery; and the use of offerors' ability to meet schedule as an evaluation factor in source selection.

I welcome your inputs as to how to continue to improve the effectiveness of our acquisition support to the Warfighter.



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