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SUBJECT: Update to the National Security Space Acquisition Policy 03-01

In our continuing efforts to improve the way the Department of Defense (DoD) acquires critical space systems, I have updated the National Security Space Acquisition Policy 03-01 process. The updates reflect lessons learned from the Space Based Infrared System and Future Imagery Architecture programs, and the Defense Space Acquisition Board process. The modified space acquisition process provides more timely opportunities for Milestone Decision Authority reviews throughout the execution of the program and is consistent with the National Reconnaissance Office Directive 7 process.

This document supersedes the National Security Space Acquisition Policy 03-01 dated 6 October 2003. The National Security Space Acquisition Policy 03-01 falls under the authority of DoD Directive 5000.1 and replaces processes and procedures described in DoD Instruction 5000.2. Implementation of this guidance is effective immediately.

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