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Encl: (1) USD(AT&L)/USD(C) Memorandum of June 14, 2007

Section 811 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, Public Law 109-163, required the DoD Inspector General, in conjunction with the Department of the Interior (DoI) Inspector General to conduct an audit of DoI contracting support to DoD. The audit concluded that the DoI franchise fund operation, GovWorks Federal Acquisition Center (GovWorks), does not have adequate funding and contracting practices. The DoDIG recommended that DoD limit use of GovWorks.

Enclosure (1) advises that no interagency acquisition in excess of $100,000 is to be entered into with GovWorks unless a determination is made that "...it is necessary in the interests of the Department of Defense to procure the particular property or services..." Such determination will be provided only by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics). Interagency procurement requests of $100,000 or more not covered by a determination will be returned to the customer. This requirement extends to funds already provided to GovWorks but not yet placed on contract as of 14 June 2007. It is incumbent on each command to pursue alternative contracting options for all returned actions or seek an AT&L determination. Determination requests are to be submitted via DASN(ALM). Commands cannot issue multiple purchase requests for the same requirement if, cumulatively, the $100,000 threshold is exceeded.

Wide dissemination of the memorandum within your command and subordinate activities is requested. Address acquisition and determination questions to Bob Johnson at Robert.F.Johnson@Navy.Mil or (703) 693-2936 and fiscal questions to Elizabeth Talbert at Elizabeth.Talbert@Navy.Mil or 703-692-4809.

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