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TACOM/UDLP ACQUISITION STREAMLINING TASK FORCE

TACOM, together with PEO FAS and PEO ASM, have joined together and worked with the United Defense Limited Partnership (UDLP) to achieve common quality processes at its facilities in Pennsylvania, Alabama, California, and South Carolina. This partnering effort has expanded from achieving common quality processes to achieving single process initiatives through Partnership Councils established for each initiative. For example, the Quality Partnership Council - the oldest of the Councils - has fostered 13 individual teams, and eight of which have final proposals in process with preliminary savings/cost avoidance estimated at \$8M. Other council achievements include time savings in various areas.

DOL WAGE RATES ON-LINE

Under an MOU that Dr. Oscar signed with DOL, Service Contract Act (and Davis-Bacon Act) wage rates (updated weekly) will be available on-line and can be accessed through the "SARDA" WWW homepage (<http://www.sarda.army.mil/sard-zp/sardzp.htm>). This will allow immediate access to wage rates (as opposed to mail to and from DOL), to those offices with Internet access. Under the MOU, certified training is required. Information on training and certification will be disseminated to all HCAs (by 30 April) and available on the SARDA homepage (NLT 10 May). Point of Contact is SARDA Labor Advisor, MAJ Natalie Griffin, 703-693-4071, DSN 223-4071.

CECOM CONDUCTS OSCR

CECOM submitted 10 program proposals totaling an investment of \$16M and a potential life cycle savings of \$131M to HQ AMC in response to their data call for Operating and Support Cost Reduction (OSCR) Defense Business Operating Fund (DBOF) Initiative Programs. An additional six programs which will be funded locally have also been identified. These programs totaled \$0.24M and \$2.3M in potential savings.

USE OF TERC CONTRACTING METHODS

The Corps of Engineers (COE) Total Environmental Restoration Contract (TERC) style contracts take advantage of a contractor being under contract and available to perform on any work with an established team of pre-qualified and experienced personnel familiar with customer standards, personnel, and procedures. The use of TERC style contracting methods rather than standard contracting methods has demonstrated advantages in terms of efficient planning and utilization of resources, minimizes down time, eliminates turnover, no procurement or engineering delays, and reduces overall project cost. The COE customers are experiencing 18-33% cost and 50% time reductions.

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