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## TRANSFER OF LOGISTICS FUNCTION

On February 16, 1999, Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Mr. Louis Caldera, signed the Transfer of Logistic Function memorandum. This decision was made in the interest of reducing total ownership costs of weapon systems and improving efficiency and service to our soldiers.

The following is the text of Secretary Caldera's memorandum:

Effective February 16, 1999, the logistics mission and functions, with its accompanying personnel resources and assigned physical space, managed under the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Logistics and Environment) (ASA(IL&E)) are placed under the operational control of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition) (ASA(RDA)). The goal of this action is to consolidate acquisition and logistics policy and oversight in one place for greater efficiency. The A-76 Waiver Authority does not transfer to ASA(RDA) with this action. I direct the ASA(RDA) and ASA(IL&E) to coordinate all necessary administrative actions to complete a formal transfer of the logistics function to ASA(RDA) as soon as practical.

I have also directed the renaming of the two organizations accordingly: ASA(RDA) will be renamed ASA (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) and ASA(IL&E) will be renamed as ASA (Installations and Environment).

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## SPS INITIAL OPERATING CAPABILITY (IOC)

On February 17, 1999, the HQ US Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) declared Full Operational Capability (FOC) with the Standard Procurement System (SPS). The command also began requirement's production utilizing a software called AcquiLine, a commercial product that seamlessly integrates with SPS. INSCOM is the first OSD Major Command to achieve full operational status with SPS version 4.1.

The Standard Procurement System version 4.1 and AcquiLine version 4.1 are proving that a dynamic duo can exist in defense contracting. Utilizing the strengths of both, most gaps in the requirements hand-off can be filled, award production can increase, milestones can be reduced, and the long winding road to paperless contracting soon becomes a reality.

The secrets to success: do empower your best people for pre-planning decisions; do streamline your business practices; do consider your customers; do focus on what value SPS & AcquiLine databases add; do expect longer hours during implementation; do keep a "can-do" attitude. Most importantly, DO NOT expect another legacy lookalike and DO NOT focus on what it cannot do.

Contracting...a whole new ball game!

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