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Paperless Justifications And Approvals (J&As) for Systems Acquisition Category (ACAT) I-IV Procurements

The Army continues to aggressively implement a paperless contracting process, starting with requirements generation, to solicitation, to contract award, to contract closeout. Recently, the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Procurement) (DASA(P)), processed two paperless J&As -- one each for TACOM and CECOM -- for the Army Acquisition Executive's approval. In a 22 December 1999 e-mail, Dr. Oscar, the DASA(P), requested that Principal Assistants Responsible for Contracting (PARC's) electronically transmit all ACAT I - IV J&As which are in excess of \$50M. All signatures on the J&A are placed using an electronic bitmap of the actual signature. An electronic cover memorandum signed by the PARC or Head of the Contracting Activity, as appropriate, must accompany electronic J&As in accordance with the Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (AFARS).

The Army remains on track to eliminate 90 percent of all paper within the contracting process by December 31, 2000, in accordance with the goal established by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). By the end of FY1999, the Army was already transmitting 88 percent of all contracting actions electronically. Further, the DoD Standard Procurement System was fielded to 7733 users at 350 sites throughout the Army and Air National Guard to replace our legacy contracting systems. The Standard Army Automated Contracting System (SAACONS) was retired at year-end. The Army Paperless Contracting Project Office continues to identify and fill gaps (such as a requirement generation tool for base and installations) and to promote business process reengineering of the contracting process.

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