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SUBJECT: Defense Acquisition

I have determined that the current DoD Directive 5000.1, "The Defense Acquisition System," DoD Instruction 5000.2, "The Operation of the Defense Acquisition System," and DoD 5000.2-R, "Mandatory Procedures for Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs) and Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Acquisition Programs," require revision to create an acquisition policy environment that fosters efficiency, flexibility, creativity, and innovation. Therefore, by separate memorandum, I have cancelled those documents effective immediately.

By this memorandum, I am issuing the attached interim guidance in place of the cancelled documents. The intent of the guidance is to rapidly deliver affordable, sustainable capability to the warfighter that meets the warfighter's needs. Additional, supporting discretionary, best practices, lessons learned, and expectations have been posted to the DoD 5000 Resource Center at http://dod5000.dau.mil.

I am directing the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence) and the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, to jointly prepare revised documents within 120 days.

Paul Wolfowitz

Attachments:
As stated

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