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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES (ATTN: COMPONENT ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES OF DOD COMPONENTS OUTSIDE OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS)

SUBJECT: Defense Acquisition Workforce Online Waiver System

To improve management and oversight of our critical positions, effective October 1, 2011, the Defense Acquisition Workforce Online Waiver System (DAW-OWS) shall be used by 4th Estate agencies. This tool automates preparation and reporting of all waivers required by DoD Instruction 5000.66, "Operation of the Defense Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Workforce Education, Training, and Career Development Program," dated December 21, 2005, to include waivers for Critical Acquisition Positions and Key Leadership Positions. The system has been tested, successfully deployed and upgraded. Waivers approved prior to October 1, 2011, do not need to be entered into the system but should be retained according to agency procedures.

A waiver tool training session will be held on August 25, 2011. The DAW-OWS is available at <https://www.atrs.army.mil/channels/atlwaivers/admin/logon.aspx> and a user's guide is available at <http://www.dau.mil/doddacm/Pages/wkmgrResources.aspx>.

For questions regarding this system, my point of contact is Jonathan Higgins, OUSD(AT&L)-HCI, at 703- 805-1463, Jonathan.Higgins@dau.mil.


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