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MEMORANDUM FOR OUSD(AT&L) COMPONENT HEADS

SUBJECT: Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition (ASD(A))

Effective immediately, Mrs. Katrina McFarland shall perform the duties of the ASD(A) and may discharge all of the duties of the ASD(A) except those duties, if any, that qualify as "statutory" for purposes of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, as amended. Mrs. McFarland will continue to serve as the President, Defense Acquisition University.

A "statutory" duty is one that by law or regulation may only be performed by the ASD(A). Matters that involve a "statutory" duty must be referred to the Secretary of Defense with a recommended course of action. Such actions may be acted upon only by the Secretary of Defense. Should there be any questions about whether a specific matter is a "statutory" duty, the Office of the DoD General Counsel should be consulted. In addition, when performing duties of the ASD(A), Mrs. McFarland shall not use the title or assume the role of Acting ASD(A). Instead, she shall use her title of President, Defense Acquisition University, when signing documents, but shall add the following phrase to her signature block: "Performing the Duties of the ASD(A)." She may use Office of the ASD(A), but not ASD(A), stationery.

Finally, to the extent that any duty is required by statute, regulation, or other applicable guidance to be performed by an officer of the United States appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, Mrs. McFarland shall refer matters relating to such duty to the Acting USD(AT&L) with a recommended course of action.

The USD(AT&L) memorandum on this same subject dated December 15, 2009, is revoked.

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